

# Second Sunday of Easter

## April 16, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able

### ENTRANCE

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC** Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Will Waller  
**CHIMING THE HOUR**  
**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Prelude—Martin* Mrs. Meeks, Organist  
**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

### GREETING

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** Becky Newbill, Liturgist

L: O God, listen to our cry! Hear our prayers!

**P: From the ends of the earth, we cry to you for help when our hearts are overwhelmed.**

L: Lead us to the towering ROCK of safety, for you are our safe refuge.

**P: Let us live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings! Let us worship God!**

\***HYMN OF PRAISE** *The Church's One Foundation* No. 545

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* No. 880

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN** *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233  
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Waller  
*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Peter 2:4-10 New Testament pg. 219

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Cornerstone: Rock of Ages* Rev. Waller  
*(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)*

**OFFERTORY** *How Firm a Foundation—Southbridge*

\***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ANTHEM** *Majesty—Schrader* Chancel Choir

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Open Our Eyes* TFWS No. 2086  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### SENDING FORTH

\***CLOSING HYMN** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* No. 361

\***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

\***BENEDICTION**

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk  
with each other in perfect harmony. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

\***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

\***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

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*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Mike and Jane Turner to the Glory of God and in honor of Jane's Mom, Ethel Stanley, on this day of her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*The rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Elijah Lee Shealor on April 7 to Caleb and Mariah Shealor. Grandparents are Marshall and Jeanne Banks.*

**Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Becky Newbill  
Greeter: Janice Thurman  
Acolyte: Silas Gibson  
Usher: P. D. Hambrick  
Children's Church: Mittie Hambrick  
Nursery: Martha Sue Gibson  
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

**Serving Next Week (April 23):**

Liturgist: Bill Cooper  
Greeter: Pat Cundiff  
Acolyte: Audrey Mitchell  
Usher: Rodney Cundiff  
Children's Church: Cindy St. Clair  
Nursery: Peggy Hodges  
Counters: Cindy Smith, Glenda Thompson

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Bob Huffman; Eleanor Woody; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Maria Bray (Linda Walters); April Wyatt Scott; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).**

**Will Waller, Pastor  
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister  
Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant  
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator  
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

## **Meetings and Announcements:**

- **Monday, April 17**      **May Newsletter Deadline**  
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
  
- **Tuesday, April 18**      9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study  
6:00 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
  
- **Wednesday, April 19**      5:00 p.m., "It's Just A Phase - So Don't Miss It" Parents' Book Discussion  
5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday  
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
  
- **Thursday, April 20**      6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
  
- **Next Sunday, April 23**      10:00 a.m., Small Groups  
10:55 a.m., Worship  
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
  
- **Tuesday, April 25**      **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**  
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch  
6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting
  
- **Thursday, April 27**      **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
  
- **Saturday, April 29**      9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mountain View District United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Day Retreat at Epworth UMC
  
- **Monday, May 1**      10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., United Women in Faith's Mission Workday in the Fellowship Hall

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Acolyte Sunday is coming! On Sunday, April 23, we will be celebrating acolytes with a special dedication. All acolytes that are currently serving as acolytes are asked to be in attendance.

Mountain View District United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Day Retreat will be on Saturday, April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Epworth UMC. The speaker is our own Rev. Will Waller. Reservation with \$5.00 cash or check made out to RMUWF can be given to Charlotte Hill or Linda Walters.

Attention: Parents of High School and College Graduates! If you have a child who will be graduating this spring, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we have an accurate list of the graduates. Please plan to attend the worship service on May 21 as our church celebrates this special time in their life.

SMALL GROUP SERVANTS NEEDED - our Sunday School department currently needs a recorder. This person will record weekly attendance and offerings which only takes around 10 minutes. We also have an immediate need for a small group nursery helper to assist with those children 3 years old and younger. Please prayerfully consider serving! Contact Jane Roseberry at 540-309-0199 or Pastor Will at the church office. DEEDS OF LOVING SERVICE ARE A VERIFICATION OF OUR FAITH IN JESUS.

The May/June edition of the Upper Room is available on the rack in the narthex.

We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!