

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Waller

CHIMING THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

I Need Thee Every Hour—Martin

Mrs. Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Cooper, Liturgist

L: When I am far away from you,

P: Welcome me home, God.

L: When I am distant from you,

P: Draw me back in.

L: When I make my bed among the enemy,

P: Watch over me in safety,

L: And when I return home,

P: Greet me with your loving embrace.

L: God, for so many, we feel detached from you. Enable us to know you are near, that you care and that you have a plan and a hope for all of us.

P: We need you, Lord. Every hour, and this hour especially, we need you. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

My Hope Is Built

No. 368

***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 worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Martha Anderson and Annette C. Board

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Waller

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 61

Old Testament pg. 497

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Cornerstone: Lead Me Up

Rev. Waller

(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY

Voluntary on "Toplady"—Smith

***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

Upon This Rock—Gaither

Lynn Meeks, Soloist

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**

I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1-4)

No. 397

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

(continued on back)

***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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*Today's flowers are given by Mark and Becky Newbill to the Glory of God
and in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary.*

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Week (April 30):

Liturgist: Steve Angle

Greeter: Annette Board

Acolyte: Jovie Angle

Usher: Benny Board

Children's Church: Callie Angle

Nursery: Ina Clements

Counters: Linda Handy, Becky Newbill

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; 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); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Family of Peggie Foster who passed away on April 18; and Callie Angle and Family in the death of her cousin, Eli Griffin.

**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:

- **Today, April 23** **5:00 p.m.**, Youth Meeting
- **Monday, April 24** **7:00 p.m.**, Boy Scouts
- **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
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, April 26** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, April 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **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
- **Next Sunday, April 30** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Monday, May 1** **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, United Women in Faith's Mission Workday in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, May 10** **5:00 p.m.**, "It's Just A Phase - So Don't Miss It" Parents' Book Discussion
- **Sunday, May 14** **9:00 a.m.**, Mother's Day Breakfast
10:55 a.m., Worship-Children's Sabbath

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Youth, tonight we'll once again serve our neighbor and raise funds for the summer mission trip. Meet at 5 pm at 170 Lakeview with gardening gloves, and a desire to move some rock.

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.

UWF Mission Workday - Monday, May 1, 10 AM - 2 PM in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. Please bring sharp scissors, white thread, and a sewing machine, if you have any of these items, and bagged or wrapped snacks (energy bars, candy bars, small bags of any kind of chips or pretzels - something the students can pick up from the baskets on their way to or from exams) to add to the goody baskets for Ferrum students.

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!