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PROGRAM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours	
Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



April 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter



Thought for the Day before Worship
There are only two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.
– Albert Einstein

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude “*Sicilienne*” (Malcome Archer)

Tower Bell

Introit
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***Call to Worship**
If we have died with Christ, we shall also rise with Christ.
Risen from the dead! Christ will never die!
For death has no power over Him.
For his death was a death to sin; his life a life for God.
Alleluia! Our hope is in Jesus Christ!!
Jesus Christ will lift us into glory! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God!
Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #312** “*Christ Is Alive!*” (Truro)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Our great and glorious God, immortal and transcendent, present in creation yet beyond it, we praise you. We Worship you, the holy one who chose to experience our sensual life that we might experience your mystical Spirit. Teach us to respond with readiness to the nudges of your Spirit. May we glorify you in our nature and through our obedient service. Invade our fellowship with the graceful gift of your presence, we pray, and transform us by your power.

God of Joy, we confess that we are people motivated more by fear than love, and we don’t know why. We know how to build walls and make rules and set boundaries. We know how to feel guilty. We are good at trying to make ourselves, and everyone else, conform to some ideal we have decided you want.

We confess we don’t know what to do with your unconditional love. We don’t know how to respond to your joyful surprises. We are afraid to stand under the flood of your miracle and wonder and goodness and healing. Fold us in your comforting presence and bless us into courage so that we can join the dance at your side. Drench us in trust in the name of the One who trusted you even on the cross, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Christ appeared in order to reign victorious over the effects of sin, to assure humanity of forgiveness, and to show forth the transcendent power of God. We who believe in Christ are no longer merely part of the material world, but we are alive in Christ to the fuller life of the spiritual world. Dearly beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

(Creatorex)

From Letters to the Entire Church: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, April 14:**

Monday, April 15:

Tuesday, April 16:

Thursday, April 18:

Saturday, April 20:

Sunday, April 21:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

6:30 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*Hymn #106	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”	(Coronation)
*Benediction		
*Choral Response		
Postlude	“But Now the Lord Is Risen”	(J.S. Bach)

WELCOME!
Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.
May you know His grace and peace today!
Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are in honor and celebration of
Jan Knepshield’s birthday on April 16, 2024.
Happy Birthday Jan!

Love,
Darlene and Family

Open flower dates are April 21st & 28th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.



From the Gospels: Luke 24:36b-48
While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Anthem *“Shout to the Lord”* (Mark Hayes)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your
mighty love; My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength, let ev’ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise
to the King; Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar at the
sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work
of Your hands, forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer
gleam, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Shout to the Lord!
Alleluia!

From the History of the New Testament: Acts 3:12-19
When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Sermon

“Turn to God”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith: An Easter Affirmation**
We are an Easter-faith people.
The resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
 As a spring festival coinciding with the earth’s re-birth,
 As a revelation in scripture of God’s intentions,
 As a central meaning of human existence.
Yet, the resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
 As a puzzle, an intriguing mystery,
 As contrary to the apparent facts of life and death,
 As impossible to have happened, much less to happen still.
Still, the resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
 As the ways of God which are beyond our ways,
 As a deeper, different reality than we imagine,
 As a possible reality.
Thus, we are Easter-filled people:
 Living the hope of new life,
 Expecting signs of renewal in ourselves and others,
 Believing that the mystery of God is a mystery of forgiving love.
In joy, with power, through faith,
 we are becoming God’s Easter people.
Thanks be to God!! Amen.

*Hymn #468

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(Gordon)

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – 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 and ever. Amen.

Response

(Amazing Grace)

The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

Offertory Invitation
Our stewardship of God’s gifts to us can provide a place at the table for some who are hungry, and shelter for some who have no place to lay their heads. But most of all, our offerings express thanks to God for the bounty we enjoy and the loving acceptance we have known through Christ.

Offertory

“Great Is Our God”

(Craig Courtney)

Shout with joy, all the earth. Make a joyful noise, all ye lands.
 Sing forth the glory of His name for great is our God!
 Behold the works of the Lord; His deeds on our behalf.
Let the sound of His praise be heard abroad for great is our God!
He has preserved our lives. He has kept our feet on dry ground
 Let us rejoice in Him, rejoice in Him for great is our God!
 He has tested us, He has refined us as silver,
for great is His love, for great is His love, rejoice in our God.
 To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!
 O praise Him, O praise Him, O praise the Lord!

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**
Here are our gifts, God.
 Use them to find the ministries of this faith community.
Here are our minds, God.
 Help us to think creatively about how to live as your people in the world.
Here is our work, God.
Use our labor as a witness to your love and fruits of our labor as media for your mercy.
Here are our relationships, God.
Mold us into a community vibrant with the promise of resurrection and unfailing in the discipline of your compassion.
Here we are, God. Lead us to share with you in the exaltation of Christ. Amen.