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Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 7, 2024 9:30am

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Entering Music

Welcome Pastor Dave

Preparing

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: It is good to be alive and to gather together today!

Many Voices: It is good to share life with each other in this wonder-filled and evolving universe.

Reader: We are grateful for all life around us.

Many Voices: May Wisdom dawn in us and let resurrection happen in us again today!

***Singing** "Welcome" W&S #3152

Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Thank you for your prayers, presence, and gifts!
Last Week's Attendance:
114 in person + 21 online
Last Week's General Fund Gifts:
\$3151.00
Last Week's Expenses:
\$5,181
Last Week's Ridge Road Gifts:
\$1089.00

Volunteers Needed
Do you have four hours per month to serve others at our Helping Hands Food Pantry? Helping Hands is our church-based community food pantry, a collaborative between Minooka UMC and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It is run entirely by volunteers from our two congregations. Food Pantry hours are on the second Saturday, second Monday and second Tuesday of each month from roughly 9am-12 noon. Saturday hours are shorter. You don't have to commit every month. Please see Mari Kirsch or Jeannette Harris for more info..

Helping Hands Food Pantry
A Collaborative of Minooka UMC and St. Mary's Church
We are in need of the following donations in order to serve our 30+ families:
Hamburger Helper Boxed Rice
Instant Mashed Potatoes Coffee
Pasta Sauce BBQ Sauce
Items can be placed in the donation box in the south hallway. We appreciate your generosity! If you have questions, see Mari Kirsch or Jeannette Harris.

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
- 8 Jack McGrath
 - 8 LaVerne Spencer
 - 10 Seth Satorius
 - 11 Owen Ratulowski

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

No Anniversaries

Ridge Road Bricks
The Ridge Road Brick campaign continues as we finish the North Wing, complete the outdoor work required by the Village of Minooka, and finish the South Wing. The purchase of a brick(s) is a means to honor or remember important people in our lives. Funds from the purchase of these bricks will be utilized to complete our Ridge Road Development. Bricks may be purchased in the following increments: Bronze for \$50; Silver for \$100; Red for \$250; and Gold for \$500. The tentative plan is to include the engraved bricks in the design of our Sacred Garden. Forms for ordering are available on the usher table or in the pocket file on the office door. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Vause or Claude Crawshaw.

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Afternoon Circle Contact Karen P. or Ruth S. for information. <i>Meets at Ridge Road</i>	Monday, 4/8 @ 1:30PM
Book Group - The book selection for April is <i>The Little Liar</i> by Mitch Albom <i>Meets at Ridge Road</i>	Monday 4/22 @ 7:00PM
Bible Study Reading "What does it mean to be chosen?" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. <i>Location: Ridge Road</i>	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Women's Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Senior Luncheon Free luncheon for 55 and better. Contact the office to make a reservation. <i>Meet at St. Mary's Minooka.</i>	Wednesday, 4/17 @ 11:30AM

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SUNDAY 7TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 8TH

1:30PM AFTERNOON CIRCLE

TUESDAY 9TH

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM TRUSTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10TH

10:30AM PARK POINTE REHAB (MORRIS)
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
6:00PM OUTREACH MEETING

THURSDAY 11TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 12TH

SATURDAY 13TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Wednesday, April 17th @ 11:30AM - Senior Luncheon
- ~Tuesday, April 23rd @ 7:00PM - Finance Meeting
- ~Sunday April 28th @ 10:45AM—What's Next?
- ~Tuesday April 30th @ 7:00PM—Church Council Meeting
- ~Thursday April 24th @ 7PM—Skeptics Circle



Refrain

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You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its
voice,

Refrain

Crying welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Conversing With Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: God of all life, during times when the triumph of death seems inevitable and the suffering around us makes us want to turn away, we commit to resurrection. In the secret chambers where power-brokers meet, we commit to making the voice of life and justice heard. In the crisis moments when quick decisions must be made that hold human lives in the balance, we commit to making peace and co-existence the challenge we raise.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: In the forgotten corners where the powerless and poor daily walk the valley of the shadow of death, we commit to equity, compassion and giving. In the dying places on our planet where human carelessness and consumption have threatened the survival of all, we commit to simplicity and sustainability.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: As you stand among us now, Jesus, in your resurrected glory, may we know the power of your life. May we turn away from death. And may we become agents of resurrection, where ever we find ourselves. We continue to pray as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "Open Our Eyes" TFWS #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.

(Repeat)

Reading Scripture John 20:19-31 (The Voice) Lay Reader

¹⁹ On that same evening (Resurrection Sunday), the followers gathered together behind locked doors in fear that some of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were still searching for them. Out of nowhere, Jesus appeared in the center of the room.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

²⁰ As He was speaking, He revealed the wounds in His hands and side. The disciples began to celebrate as it sank in that they were really seeing the Lord.

Jesus: ²¹ I give you the gift of peace. In the same way the Father sent Me, I am now sending you.

²² Now He drew close enough to each of them that *they could feel His breath*. He breathed on them:

Jesus: Welcome the Holy Spirit of the living God. ²³ You now have the mantle of God's forgiveness. As you go, you are able to share the life-giving power to forgive sins, or to withhold forgiveness.

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Verse 3
Christ is risen!
Earth and heaven nevermore
Shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus;
“Christ is risen! get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

**Please stand if you are able.*

²⁴ All of the eleven were present with the exception of Thomas. ²⁵ He heard the accounts of each brother’s interaction with the Lord.

The Other Disciples: We have seen the Lord!

Thomas: Until I see His hands, feel the wounds of the nails, and put my hand to His side, I won’t believe what you are saying.

²⁶ Eight days later, they gathered again behind locked doors; and Jesus reappeared. This time Thomas was with them.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

²⁷ He drew close to Thomas.

Jesus: Reach out and touch Me. See the punctures in My hands; reach out your hand, and put it to My side; leave behind your faithlessness, and believe.

Thomas (*filled with emotion*): ²⁸ You are the one True God and Lord of my life.

Jesus: ²⁹ Thomas, you have faith because you have seen Me. Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe.

³⁰ Jesus performed many other wondrous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ These accounts are recorded so that you, too, might believe that Jesus is the Anointed, *the Liberating King*, the Son of God, because believing grants you the life He came to share.

Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "Resurrection Practice" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "Something Beautiful" UMH #394

Something beautiful, something good;
all my confusion he understood;
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life.
(Repeat)

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader
Many Voices: Generous and Giving God, provider of all that we are and all that we have, into nothingness you speak love and life abundant. Thank you for making our lives whole. We present these gifts in the hope that they may be used for the good of all your people. Amen.

Celebrating Communion

Pastor Dave: Christ is risen!

Many Voices: He is risen indeed!

Pastor Dave: Let's celebrate this irrepressible life; let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility, of unquenched hope, of eternal resurrection.

Many Voices: We raise our voices and our hearts in worship and thanksgiving to the God who lives.

Pastor Dave: Resurrection happened because Jesus the Christ refused to release his hold on life and love. So now, as He encouraged us,

Many Voices: we choose to remember, so that we too can truly live.

Pastor Dave: At supper on the night before he died Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying: This bread is broken, as my body will be broken.

Many Voices: Eat it and remember Me.

Pastor Dave: Then Jesus took wine, blessed it and gave it to his friends saying: This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out.

Many Voices: Drink it and remember Me. So, now, Lord of Life, we share in this meal, we celebrate together, and we remember You. We will continue to do this until resurrection has flooded the whole creation. Amen.

[The United Methodist Church offers open Communion. That means *all* are welcome at this table. Today we serve by intinction: lightly dip the piece of bread into the cup then eat. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free. Walk down the center aisle to receive; return via side aisles.]

***Singing** "Christ is Risen" UMH #307

Verse 1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen!

Hush in wonder;

All creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see,

A spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

Bring a taste of love unknown.

Verse 2

Christ is risen!

Raise your spirits

From the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,

Not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.