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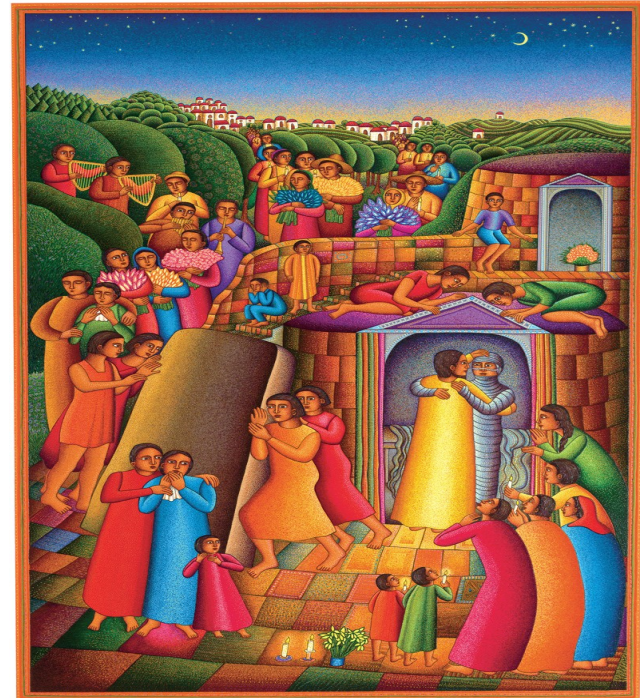
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"The Mysterious Case of the Missing Mary"



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 12th, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: We gather today in gratitude for the vitality of God’s presence in our midst.

Many Voices: We gather to celebrate our common hope for abundant life.

Reader: We gather as a circle of learners and seekers, alive in God’s story of creation.

Many Voices: We gather as disciples who follow our leader, alive in the adventure of Jesus. We are uprising in a new way of living, transformed by the Holy Spirit.

***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:
80 in person + 13 online
General Fund Income for March:
\$22,419.52
General Fund Expenses for March:
\$19,944.24



Graduation Sunday

If you have a child or grand-child that graduated in December or will graduate in May from High School, College or Graduate School we would like to acknowledge their accomplishment during services the weekend of June 2nd.

If you would like your graduate to be included please provide the office with a photo, his/her name, degree, school attended, and short bio including future plans by May 22nd.



- 12 Keane Brockman
- 12 Dale Nave
- 12 Jeff Spencer
- 14 Adrienne Hartman
- 17 Zachary Beitler
- 17 Ethan Noe
- 18 Jeanette Harris
- 18 Karen Larson



- 12 Johnny & Kim Allgaeuer
- 14 Glen & Sydney Yunker
- 18 John & Kim Nave

Ridge Road Project of the Month(s): Trees

As a requirement from the village of Minooka, as many as 70 trees will be planted on the Ridge Road property. To help with this expense, the Ridge Road Project of the Month is being restarted! Any donation is welcome! A donation of \$200 or more can be given in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Your tree donation can be made now through the end of June by indicating the information on an offering envelope or via online MyEoffering. Questions? Contact Gail Girard at mumcfinancialsecretary@gmail.com or cell 815-685-3520.

Spirit Wear

If you would like to add to your MUMC wardrobe, there are shirts for sizing and purchase at the back of the sanctuary. Sunday May 12 purchases will be sales tax free! The Love Your Neighbor and the MUMC logo are available in 3 colors and several styles. See Gail Girard at the end of Worship service for purchases. An online store can be accessed at any time, as well. <https://mumcgrowwithus.itemorder.com>

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Book Club will resume 06/24	No Meeting- Monday 5/27
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

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SUNDAY 12TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 13TH

1:30PM AFTERNOON CIRCLE

TUESDAY 14TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 15TH

11:30AM SENIOR LUNCHEON

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

THURSDAY 16TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 17TH

SATURDAY 18TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday May 19th @ 10:45AM—What's Next
- ~Monday May 20th @ 7PM—Finance Committee Meeting
- ~Wednesday May 22th @ 6:30PM—Skeptic's Circle
- ~There will be NO Senior Luncheon June, July and August



To all Mothers and Mother figures

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 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: Mother God, teach us to follow you. Teach us to care for all that are close to us, to protect those who are threatened, to welcome those who are rejected, to forgive those who are burdened by guilt, to heal those who are broken and sick, to share with those who have little or nothing, to take the time to really know one another and love as you have loved us. Teach us to defend those who are oppressed and abused, to work for justice for those who are exploited, to make peace for those who suffer violence, to take the time to recognize our connectedness, and to love as you have loved us.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Loving God of all, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us. We lift to you all women—aunts, sisters, grandmothers, neighbors, friends— who have been like mothers to us. We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched her child die of hunger, every mother who had been a victim of abuse, every woman who stands in protest against a world that massacres her children and renames them "collateral damage."

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Womb of Creation, we lift to you every mother who has ever loved and lost. We lift to you our Mother Earth that we may finally care for her in sustainable ways. Although we cannot fully express our gratitude, help each one of us to be blessing of love in the world. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...

[Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #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 peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Verse 4

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

We would praise your name forever,

One in three, and three in one.

We would share your life, your passion,

Share your word of world made new,

Ever singing, ever praising,

One with all, and one with you.

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

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*Singing

“Womb of Life”

TFWS #2046

Verse 1

Womb of life, and source of being,
Home of every restless heart,
In your arms the worlds awakened;
You have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you,
At the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
We are nurtured by your care.

Verse 2

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
Born to bring us second birth,
You have come to stand beside us,
Knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ come stand among us,
Send the Spirit by your breath.

Verse 3

Brooding Spirit, move among us;
Be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
Of the new world yet to be,
Free of servant, Lord, and Master,
Free for love and unity.

Reading Scripture John 11:1-44 (The Voice)

Lay Reader

¹¹ There was a certain man who was very ill. He was known as Lazarus from Bethany, which is the hometown of Mary and her sister Martha. ² *Mary did a beautiful thing for Jesus.* She anointed the Lord with a pleasant-smelling oil and wiped His feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus became deathly ill, ³ so the sisters immediately sent a message to Jesus which said, “Lord, the one You love is very ill.” ⁴ Jesus heard the message.

Jesus: His sickness will not end in his death but will bring great glory to God. As these events unfold, the Son of God will be exalted.

⁵ Jesus *dearly* loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. ⁶ However, after receiving this news, He waited two more days where He was.

Jesus (speaking to the disciples): ⁷ It is time to return to Judea.

Disciples: ⁸ Teacher, the last time You were there, some Jews attempted to execute You by crushing You with stones. Why would You go back?

Jesus: ⁹ There are 12 hours of daylight, correct? If anyone walks in the day, that person does not stumble because he or she sees the light of the world. ¹⁰ If anyone walks at night, he will trip and fall because he does not have the light within. ¹¹ (Jesus briefly pauses.) Our friend Lazarus has gone to sleep, so I will go to awaken him.

Disciples: ¹² Lord, if he is sleeping, then he will be all right.

¹³ Jesus used “sleep” *as a metaphor* for death, but the disciples took Him literally *and did not understand*. ¹⁴ Then Jesus spoke plainly.

Jesus: Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and I am grateful for your sakes that I was not there when he died. Now you will *see* and believe. Gather yourselves, and let’s go to him.

Thomas, the Twin (to the disciples): ¹⁶ Let’s go so we can die with Him.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ As Jesus was approaching Bethany (which is about two miles east of Jerusalem), He heard that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. ¹⁹ Now many people had come to comfort Mary and Martha as they mourned the loss of their brother. ²⁰ Martha went to meet Jesus when word arrived that He was approaching Bethany, but Mary stayed behind at the house.

Martha: ²¹ Lord, if You had been with us, my brother would not have died. ²² Even so I still believe that anything You ask of God will be done.

Jesus: ²³ Your brother will rise to life.

Martha: ²⁴ I know. He will rise again when everyone is resurrected on the last day.

Jesus: ²⁵ I am the resurrection and the source of all life; those who believe in Me will live even in death. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never truly die. Do you believe this?

Martha: ²⁷ Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Anointed, the Liberating King, God's own Son who we have heard is coming into the world.

²⁸ After this Martha ran home to Mary.

Martha (*whispering to Mary*): Come with me. The Teacher is here, and He has asked for you. ²⁹ Mary did not waste a minute. She got up and went ³⁰ to the same spot where Martha had found Jesus outside the village. ³¹ The people gathered in her home offering support and comfort assumed she was going back to the tomb to cry and mourn, so they followed her. ³² Mary approached Jesus, saw Him, and fell at His feet.

Mary: Lord, if only You had been here, my brother would still be alive.

³³ When Jesus saw Mary's profound grief and the moaning and weeping of her companions, He was deeply moved by their pain in His spirit and was intensely troubled.

Jesus: ³⁴ Where have you laid his body?

Jews: Come and see, Lord.

³⁵ As they walked, Jesus wept; ³⁶ and everyone noticed how much Jesus must have loved Lazarus. ³⁷ But others were skeptical.

Others: If this man can give sight to the blind, He could have kept him from dying.

³⁸ Then Jesus, who was intensely troubled by all of this, approached the tomb—a *small* cave covered by a *massive* stone.

Jesus: ³⁹ Remove the stone.

Martha: Lord, he has been dead four days; the stench will be unbearable.

Jesus: ⁴⁰ Remember, I told you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God.

⁴¹ They removed the stone, and Jesus lifted His eyes toward heaven.

Jesus: Father, I am grateful that You have heard Me. ⁴² I know that You are always listening, but I proclaim it loudly so that everyone here will believe You have sent Me.

⁴³ After these words, He called out in a thunderous voice.

Jesus: Lazarus, come out!

⁴⁴ Then, the man who was dead walked out of his tomb bound from head to toe in a burial shroud.

Jesus: Untie him, and let him go.

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "The Mysterious Case of the Missing Mary"
Pastor Dave

***Singing** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384, v1-3

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Gracious and Loving God, we long to be more like Jesus. Let our thoughts and deeds be directed by your Holy Spirit. Use these gifts and offerings to further your work in the world, so that all our neighbors will experience your loving care. Amen.