

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
April 30, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

Gathering

*Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering*  
*Processional*

“Word of God” ~ Mercy Me

*Announcements* (See below)

*The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Matthew 11:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls Matthew 11: 28-29

*Opening Praise* “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: How awesome it is to gather before God! We are here to celebrate God’s presence with wide-eyed wonder.

**People: We have come to praise God during this season of Easter.**

Leader: Let us praise God for all the signs of new life and for all that we can do together.

**People: We praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus and for allowing us to share in that ministry.**

Leader: Christ came to offer us a new and abundant life, let us claim that gift.

**People: We gather in the name of the Risen Lord and commit ourselves to follow Him.**

*Union Prayer*

**Come thou Good Shepherd and let us hear your voice today. Call us by name and claim us as your own. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Comfort those of us who suffer pain and loss. Assure us when we are afraid and lead us in right paths for your sake. We have known your goodness and mercy so many times in the past; refresh those experiences for us in this hour. Unlock within us the barriers that keep us from recognizing your presence and responding to your love. Touch our lives anew in this hour. AMEN**

*Praise Song* “Lord I lift Your Name on High”

*Proclamation and Response*

*Scripture Lesson* John 20: 24-30 (page 1687 in pew Bible)

*Children’s Moment* Pastor Glen Stewart

*Message* “EASTER...ONE WEEK LATER” Pastor Glen Stewart  
Doubting Thomas

Thanksgiving  
*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*  
*Pastoral Prayer*  
*The Lord’s Prayer*  
*Offertory* “The Wonderful Cross”  
*The Doxology* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

**Thank you, Lord, for the abundant life you offer, not just in the things we possess, but in our relationship with you and with others. Help us to reach out from this abundance and bless others in your name. Take our love and these gifts and enable them to provide hope and comfort to those in need. We come with open hands and hearts to extend your outreach, marvel at your goodness and mercy, and express our praise for all you have given us. AMEN**

*Sending Forth*

*Sending Song* “Resurrection Power” ~ Chris Tomlin

*Benediction*

*Recessional* “But For Your Grace”

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Thursday, May 4** – Women’s Breakfast 8:30 am Huddle

**Monday, May 8** – Ministry Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The mission of the month for April is Mujila Falls Agriculture Research Center in Zambia. Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in extreme North West Zambia is their focus. There they are working with the Lunda people to increase protein, minerals and vitamins in the diet to reduce the high infant mortality rates and the low life expectancy. They are also working to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farmers and their families competitive in agriculture pursuits that are favored by the high rainfall and abundant land that is available for them. These include milk, fruit, and meat production, gardening, and field crops. As their incomes improve, their standard of living will improve and they can better afford the costs of education.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with Mujila Falls or “M.O.M.” in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett.

Thank you. Missions Team

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Serving This Sunday, April 30**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Pastor Glen Stewart

**Children's Church Teacher:** Summer break, Children stay in church

**Children's Church Shepherd:** Summer break, Children stay in church

**Communion Steward for April:** Kathy Becker

**Church Hostess for April:** Contact Kathy Becker

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Karen & Denny Yocum

**Mowing:** Service Opportunity Available

**Serving Next Sunday, May 7**

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**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Pastor Glen Stewart

**Children's Church Teacher:** Summer break, Children stay in church

**Children's Church Shepherd:** Summer break, Children stay in church

**Communion Steward for May:** Kathy Becker

**Church Hostess for May:** Contact Kathy Becker

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Dean & Laurie Ackland

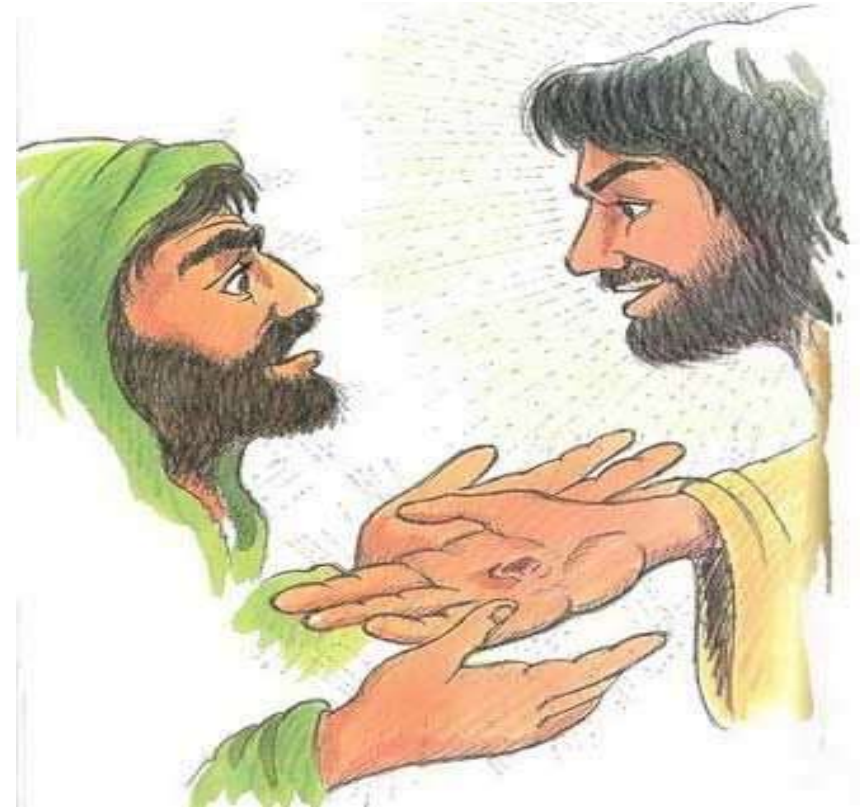
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Offering for:

Church Fund: \$950.00

Flowers.     \$160.00

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