

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “COME YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN” *setting by Richard Hudson*

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Christ is risen! Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. This is the message I have heard from him and now celebrate with you: Christ is risen!

P. He is risen indeed!

L. Blessed are you who have not seen him, yet you truly believe and trust him.

P. See how good and delightful it is when Christians gather together as one.

L. The Lord has commanded a great blessing:

P. Life for evermore!

****HYMN** “EASTER PEOPLE RAISE YOUR VOICES” UMH No. 304

****OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Help us conquer our unbelief. Erase our excuses for inaction, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 133 PEW BIBLE NO. 742

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 4: 32-35 PEW BIBLE NO. 1323

****GOSPEL READING** JOHN 20: 19-31 PEW BIBLE NO. 1314

L. This is the word of God for the people of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “PROOF POSITIVE! (OR NOT)” CAVAN FANG

****HYMN OF REAFFIRMATION** “FREELY, FREELY” UMH No. 398

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING “GLORY BE TO JESUS” *setting by Raymond Haan*

****DOXOLOGY** UMH No. 95

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “CHRIST HAS RISEN” TFWS No. 2115

SENT TO SERVE

****SENDING FORTH** (*in unison*)

My dearest Lord; Be Thou a bright flame before me. Be Thou a guiding star above me. Be Thou a smooth path beneath me. Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me. Today and evermore.

****APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “TREES OF THE FIELD” TFWS No. 2279

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****POSTLUDE** “HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING” *by Paul Manz*

The bulletins and radio broadcast this morning are given by various members and friends of the church.