



DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES
LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT
United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021



I am sending you to them¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ ~Acts 26:17b-18

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World*

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or send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624
Worship in person at Retreat 8 a.m.; Liberty Pole 9:15 a.m.; and New Hope 10:30 a.m.

Online worship is available at

<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnhr/>

You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries
and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC, and Liberty Pole UMC

Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:
Mon. 12:30 p.m. Tues. 9:30 a.m. Wed. 7:30 a.m.
Thu. 5:30 a.m. Fri. 3:30 a.m. Sat. 1:30 a.m. Sun. 2:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE

Marla Withey/Tom Baker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

May our hearts become a place where God's Spirit lives.

May our words be emboldened in love and grace. And may our worship be worthy of the Lord.

HYMN #454 UMH

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you call us to this place, where we find your Spirit.

We gather to pray and to be forgiven, to love and be loved,

and to hear the word boldly proclaimed as we apply it to our lives.

Open our hearts to the mystery of your Word.

Remind us that your Word is proclaimed in the life of Jesus, the Christ.

Help us believe in you and in your love for us. In the holy name of Christ we pray. Amen.

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

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. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #463 UMH

Lord Speak to Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 26:9-18

MESSAGE

Jesu Juva SDG

Pastor Pam

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you, seeking your blessing, that they might be used to welcome all, and to inspire faith in our community.

We offer ourselves, asking that we might become your faithful followers.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #2184 TFWS

Sent Out In Jesus Name

CLOSING BLESSING

I look within myself to examine my fears, I discern my own understanding of faith, I pray for Jesus to help me and I give God the glory.

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #672 UMH *God Be With You Til We Meet Again*

PRAYERS

Our new pastor, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world, the ministry of the Driftless Region, Schools and children, Anne Harkema Penn

- *Retreat: Ron Hanson, Marla Withey*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Mae Ames, Marion Whitney, Jesse, Doris Park, Elaine Baker, Edie Stalsburg*

Anytime on Facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine

Today New Hope board after worship

4:00 Confirmation

Tuesday 6:30 Zoom Book Study

Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope

April 21 6:30 Retreat Board

In person worship safety protocols

- Building capacity
- masks
- hand sanitizer
- physically distancing
- entry and exit to reduce interaction

Notes for today's message

What holds me back from sharing my faith?

What do I really believe?

Where do I start?

Open My Eyes That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sent Out in Jesus Name

Sent out in Jesus name,
our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do,
to set it really free.
O help us to obey
and carry out your will.

Lord Speak To Me

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

God be With You

God be with you til we meet again.
By his counsels guide, uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you
God be with you til we meet again.