

Driftless Ministries
April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. Amen.

HYMN #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO WHORSHIP:

L: Why are we looking up to heaven?

P: Christ has come; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

P: The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.

L: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

P: God's love casts out our fear.

L: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

P: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, eternal life to come. In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God, who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:32-35

HYMN #70

GLORIA PATRI

MESSAGE

Covenant Community

Rev. Drew Filkins

MUSICAL REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE #13

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

PARTAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in strength of your spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

HYMN #154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU

HYMN #672

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

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ON THE CALENDAR

- Today:** **Communion Sunday**
Fellowship Time, 9 am @ Retreat
PST Meeting, 1:30 pm @ Liberty Pole
Ad Hoc Meeting, 4 pm @ Liberty Pole
- Tuesday:** **Methodist Women, 5:30 pm @ Liberty Pole**
Board Meeting, 6 pm @ Retreat
- Wednesday:** **Wednesday Warriors, 3:15 pm @ New Hope**
Food Pantry Open, 5 – 6:30 pm @ New Hope
- Thursday:** **Food Pantry Open, 9-11 am @ New Hope**
- Saturday:** **Grilled Pork Chop Dinner, 4 pm @ Retreat**
- Sunday:** **Bible Study, 8:30 am @ Liberty Pole**
Board Meeting, 11:30 am @ New Hope

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