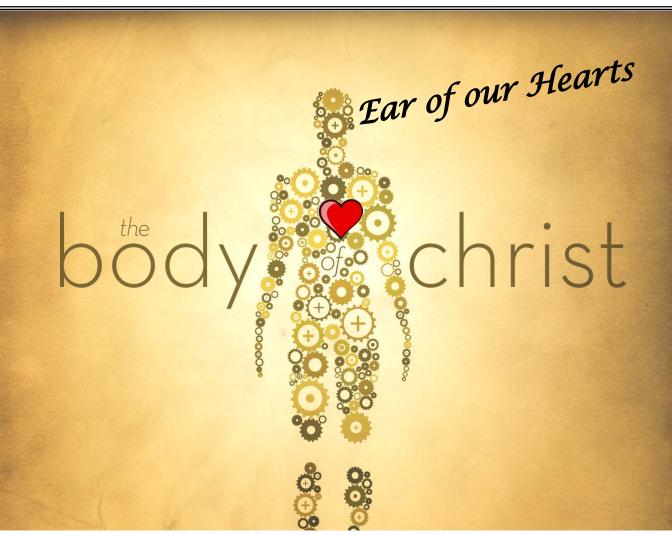


West Grove United Methodist Church

OPEN • GROW • SERVE

The Reverend Monica B. Guepet 300 North Guernsey Road West Grove, PA 19390



Third Sunday of Easter
Apríl 19, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Little Brown Church"

Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Accompanied by Jackson May on Keyboards

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row. First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Becky Rinehimer

One: We often hear it said that 'The poor will always be with us.'

Many: Give us the courage then to say 'Your Kingdom Come.'

One: We often hear it said that 'It's what they're used to... they're not like us.'

Many: Give us the courage then to say 'Your Kingdom Come.'

One: We often hear it said that 'I don't want to think about it – it makes me depressed.'

Many: Give us the courage then to say 'Your Kingdom Come.'

One: We often hear it said that 'What did she expect - dressed like that.'

Many: Give us the courage then to say 'Your Kingdom Come.'

One: We often hear it said that 'It's the world - you can't change it.'

Many: Give us the courage then to say 'Your Kingdom Come.' Amen

*Processional Hymn

"Thine Be The Glory"

Hymnal No. 308

*Opening Prayer (Written by: Alan Paton)

Becky Rinehimer

O Lord, Open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; Open my ears that I may hear their cries;

Open my heart so that they need not be without succor.

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong; nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moments for All Ages

Joan Leaman

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3: 14-19

Becky Rinehimer

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 13-39

Becky Rinehimer

*Response to the Lesson

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"I Walk By Faith"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

"Ear Of Our Hearts"

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response

"Take Time To Be Holy"

Hymn No. 395

Offering

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Linda R. Lamb

*Offertory Response

"We Are The Body Of Christ"

TFWS No. 2227

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, We are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.

We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.
One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,
We are the body of Christ.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

God of wonder and mystery: You walk alongside us on the journey of our lives; yet like those on the Emmaus road, we spend most of our journey oblivious to your presence. Like them, we are so focused on our own fears and uncertainties, we miss that the world is becoming something new with every step. Bless, gracious Lord, the gifts we give this morning. We thank you for the privilege of participating in your world-changing plans. We pray in the risen Savior's name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

*Hymn of Sending Forth

"Because He Lives"

Hymnal No. 364

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"A Parting Prayer"

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

= Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 3: 14-19

Prayer for the Readers

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



Communion Stewards

Serving and preparing communion is wonderful way to serve.

Are you wondering how you might be involved?

Join us on April 26th after both services for 10 minute session on training and getting involved.

No need to sign up, see you there.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for April 12, 2015

General Fund: Offering: 4,239.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$86,317.91

Estimated Weekly offerings needed to meet annual Budget: \$7,540.29

Estimated YTD \$113,104.35 Budget credit/(deficit) = (-\$26,786.44)

Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$340.00 Year-to-Date: \$2,850.00

Worship Attendance: 8:30: 91 + 11:00: 76 = Total: 167 Sunday School: 54



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our Altar today are In Celebration of Helen Carlin's birthday! With love from Linda Shiplet



Gospel Lesson: Luke 24: 13-39

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eves were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5, NRSV). Welcome, then, to "the body of Christ, the family of God." If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.

New Prayer/Discussion Group. Beginning Sunday, April 19, 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room off the left side of the Sanctuary. The theme for the group is based upon the scripture "Be still and know that I am God." We will meet in the prayer room and begin with a period of quiet and stillness in a candlelight setting as we get in touch with God's spirit within. We will slow down and listen. When we are still, we can feel God's holy spirit all around us. We will have a time for sharing; sharing personal stories of how God has touched our lives, in the past week, months, or years. How has God lifted us? How can we focus on hope, even when our world crashes in on us? Where can we find blessings in our everyday life? We will nurture an "attitude of gratitude". Do you have any special scriptures, songs, poetry, writings that touch you? Bring them to share with us. Any adult man or woman who wants to be still and focus on God's spirit, join us starting on Sunday, April 19 at 9:45. For more information or to share your ideas, call Julie Hughes at 610-547-7023 julahug@verizon.net

R.O.M.E.O. Retired Older Men Eating Out, Thursday, April 30. Remember, if you are retired, then you could be a ROMEO. We get together to eat at Perkins on the last Thursday of each month. Call Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends!

FAMILY PROMISE: As we prayerfully consider if and how our church might be involved with Family Promise, we give thanks to God for the Ministerium's generous gift of \$735 received on Good Friday. We also give thanks to God for our congregation giving generously with our Easter offering. To date, we have received \$2,350. You can still give. Pick up an Easter envelope or mark your own envelope or check. Thanks be to God for the generosity of God's people.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: This monthly free meal ministry needs your donations! A list of items needed can be found in the lobby. Cash donations are always welcomed! If you would like to volunteer vour time, please see Linda Shiplet.

Understanding the African American Experience and White Privilege - We meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday evening of each month in the church conference room to discuss articles, videos, and presentations by speakers. **On April 26th,** we will be discussing Martin Luther King, Jr's. sermon entitled "Loving Your Enemies." You can Google that title to find it. We will also be discussing reactions to the PBS Documentary "Slavery by Another Name" which can be seen on You Tube. Rev. Mel Leaman, a Religion professor at Lincoln University facilitates the class. Please join us. Contact Mel at melleaman50@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND: On Easter Sunday, a man's burgundy colored jacket with a Conrail logo was mistakenly taken and a similar jacket (Kirkland) was left in it's place. Please contact the office if you find the lost jacket. Thanks!

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THIS WEEK: April 19 through April 25, 2015

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~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m 4 p.m. ~~		
Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		
•	Missions Fair Sunday	
	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal (#4)
	9:45 a.m10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	New Members Class (Pastor's Office) Traditional Service with Changel Chair, and Memory Polls
	6:30 p.m8:00 p.m.	Traditional Service with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells High School Youth Group meeting (#8, 10)
	Coffee Fellowship Sunday hosted by the Missions Team	
Monday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	9:30 a.m11:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.	Knit Wits (#1) CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)
	6:00 p.m 7:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)
	6:30 p.m 8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
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	12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.	CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)
	4:45 p.m5:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m8:30 p.m.	Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10) Brownie Troop 41377 (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	*	CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	10:15 a.m.+10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1) Ad Council (#1)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
•	6:45 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10) PraiseWorks Rehearsal
Friday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
y ·	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	UMW Faith Circle (#1)
Saturday:	8:00 a.m9:30 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting (#1)
	10:00 a.m11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Daily Reflections (#8, 10) RED CARPET PROM NIGHT (Sanc.)
Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Children's Choir Sings		
	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages
	9:45 a.m10:45 a.m.	New Members Class (Pastor's Office)
	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m8:00 p.m.	Traditional Service with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells All Youth Fellowship and Food! (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m9:00 p.m.	African American Experience Class (#11, 13) Page 7

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain? Weekdays, please contact Donna Fackler at the church office westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on weekends, please contact Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863. All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, please update your request with Donna. Thank you.

> Community Prayer Focus in April: Sunday School Program Mission Prayer Focus in April: The Ronald McDonald House

Darlene Alleger (Guepet) Kory Arnold Dennis Baldwin (Boyd) Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Arthur Bertogle (Fackler) Fran Bryan

Maura Carroll (Bates) Colin Delaney (McGinley) Leslie Dunn (Boyd) Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton) Adam Foltz (Russell) Marcus Forst (Howard) Grace Gurney (Wolff) Jason Haley (Haley)

Brielle & Ariana Hargraeves Matt Helm (Laird)

Tonya Howell (Boyd) Richard Kreutzfeldt

Amy Lengel & family (May) Bill Lilley

Kay Longnecker (Mullen) Neva Luttman (Miller)

Dave McClain



Julia McDonnell (Czerpak) Gloria Miller (Ramberger)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Tim Mullen Ed O'Brien

Family of Lawrence Ramberger

Tammy Ramberger

Lisa Reoli

Ron Ritter (Chalmers)

Dot Russell Richard Saller Roann Schneider Jeannie Sullivan Fernando Tena Jonathan Tena Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie) Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Reston Turn & Family (May)

Dot Weeks

Megan Wittman (Lytle) Baby Wyinne (Dea)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy, Mexico City (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)

Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base. Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Ushers-8:30 Ushers—11 Greeters-8:30 Greeters—11 Acolyte 8:30/11 Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 C. Worship—8:30/11 S. S. Roamers Lav Reader—8:30 Liturgist—11:00 **Moment All Ages** Hospitality 8:30/11 Counters

Sound Booth

This Sunday, April 19 Mike and Luke Chalmers Fran Miller and Scott Steele Mike and Cindy Haley Joan Saller and Ruth Wells Wesley Boyd / Madeline Jones C. Bruno / R. Catoia / J. Leaman Jessica Timm / Heather Ditzel Maryanne Covington Joan Leaman Becky Rinehimer Joan Leaman Melissa Dea /The Tolmies Dave Talley and Denise Byers Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, April 26 Mike and Luke Chalmers Fran Miller and Scott Steele Mike and Cindy Haley Joan Saller and Ruth Wells Michelle LeStourgeon/Ava Kirwin M. Rubincan/A. Castaldi/J. Williamson Karen Reische / Joan Leaman Joan Leaman Mark Simonds Dave Talley Jamie Lindtner The Chalmers / The Hursts Margee Michaels and Scott Steele

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider



New Member Class Starts Sunday, April 19

Have you been attending WGUMC and want to join our family? Beginning April 19th, we will meet for three weeks to learn more about what it means to become a member of the United Methodist Church, and more spe-

cifically, our church here in West Grove.

April 19th: OPEN Join us as we learn about opening our hearts to Jesus. In this class, we will get to know one another a little better and discuss the United Methodist Church structure.

April 26th: GROW In this class, we will discuss spiritual growth and what that means to you as an individual.

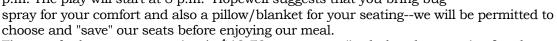
May 3rd: SERVE We will talk about spiritual gifts and how they can be used for different forms of service.

May 10th: WELCOME On this day, you will be taken into membership during the worship service.

Classes meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Pastor's office. Please contact Pastor Monica or Melissa Jones if you are interested in learning more about membership. Our next class will begin in Fall 2015.

THE POWER AND THE GLORY

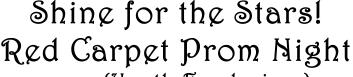
This June, after a five year absence, Hopewell UMC's Drama Ministry will present **THE POWER AND THE GLORY--**the modern language resetting of their original Passion Play. Our RAP group and friends will be traveling to Hopewell UMC on **June 12th**. The group will board a **DuVall bus** at WGUMC at **5 p.m.** The bus will return our group to WGUMC after the play. Light dinner choices, snacks, desserts, and beverages will be available for purchase at Hopewell UMC beginning at 6 p.m. The play will start at 8 p.m. Hopewell suggests that you bring bug



The cost for bus transportation is \$12.50 per person (includes the gratuity for the driver). Individual food choice purchases and freewill offering will be the responsibility of each attendee. Please direct your questions and reserve your seat on the bus with Sara Ann Ramberger, RAP Outing Coordinator, asap at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, June 14: If you are a high school or college graduate, or have one in your family, please call the church office at 610-869-9334 or email the office at office@westgroveumc.org, so that we can recognize their accomplishment at this service.



(Youth Fundraiser)

~ April 25th ~ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. \$10.00 per ticket

Dust off those fancy clothes and break in the dance shoes! The youth are hosting their Second Annual Prom

Night on April 25 from 6:00 -8:00. There will be appetizers and music, games, a Red Carpet and some entertainment. Tickets are on Sale starting Sunday, March 29th. for \$10.00. (*Under 5 yrs. Old – Free*) All proceeds go towards off setting the cost for the Youth Summer Mission Trip. It will be a Dazzling Night!

Be sure to Join Us!

The missions team of West Grove UMC in conjunction with Family Promise of Southern Chester County is evaluating the possibility of being a host church for homeless families in Southern Chester County.



A host church provides overnight accommodations for up to five families / 14 people for a one week period (Sunday evening to the following Sunday morning) every 3 months. These carefully screened families are provided shelter, meals, and support services to help them get back into housing with a goal period of 30 days.

Family Promise has a day center that is located in downtown West Grove where the families are able to shower and receive support services for getting back on their feet.

A host church provides:

Sleeping accommodations ;A living area / hospitality room A Dining area; Evening Meals; Simple Breakfasts; Bag lunches Compassion and hospitality

For a church to effectively run this program, a crew of 40 volunteers is needed for the following roles:

Coordinators (2-4); Meal Preparers / Food providers (14) Overnight Volunteers (14); Set-up / Take-Down (2-4) Linen Laundry (2); Activities (2); Supplies (many)

If you would like to see WGUMC be a host church please sign up in the lobby. If you have a particular area of interest, indicate such beside your name.

Please call Janice Bowers with any questions: 484-888-6821 days 610-444-8470 evenings or email janicesemail2@gmail.com.



Annual Spring Rummage Sale Set-Up on Thursday, April 30, 12:00 p.m. Sale, Friday, May 1: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sale, Saturday, May 2: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00 **How can you help?**

This is a biannual event pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times. In order for the event to be held, many hands are needed for the physical labor of setting up the sanctuary and putting the items out on tables on the Thursday before the Friday sale. Then the reverse must happen on Saturday to get the sanctuary set up for Sunday worship. It is also helpful to have a half dozen people available during the busiest sale hours to help with check out on Friday and Saturday morning. Please consider lending an hour or two. The United Methodist Women use the proceeds of this event for various missions or additions to our church. Also needed, of course, are donations of gently used clothing and household items. These can be brought to the church during office hours the week before the sale.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the lobby. We will be setting up on Thursday, April 30 at 12 p.m. So, start cleaning and sorting and we will see you at the sale!

Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning Sunday, April 26 through Thursday, April 30. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

*Opening Song

"Sing for Joy"

PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row. First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!

*Celebration Set

"More Love, More Power"

PraiseWorks Band

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Passing of the Peace

Moment For All Ages

Joan Leaman

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3: 14-19

Joan Leaman

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 13-39

Joan Leaman

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. At 9:30, the children staying for JAM will be taken to the youth room (#8 & 10) and those who are not staying will be brought back to the Sanctuary.

Sermon

"Ear of our Hearts"

Pastor Monica

Offering

"Wait on the Lord"

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

God of wonder and mystery: You walk alongside us on the journey of our lives; yet like those on the Emmaus road, we spend most of our journey oblivious to your presence. Like them, we are so focused on our own fears and uncertainties, we miss that the world is becoming something new with every step. Bless, gracious Lord, the gifts we give this morning. We thank you for the privilege of participating in your world-changing plans. We pray in the risen Savior's name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song

"Listen"

PraiseWorks Band

^{*}Benediction