



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

Opening Hymn

“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”

UMH No. 319, Vv. 1-4

* Unison Call to Worship

Pastor Monica

Followers of Jesus:

By the cross, we are redeemed from the futility of sin. Alleluia!

By Christ’s rising, we are freed from the fear of death. Alleluia!

**By Christ’s love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.
Alleluia!**

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

**Almighty God, Jesus our risen Lord,
was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread
and the opening of the scriptures.**

**Open the eyes of our hearts
that we may recognize the presence of Christ
and follow where Jesus leads.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, kindle our hearts
as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy, Amen.**

Praise Song

“I Will Follow”

PraiseWorks Mini

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 91

Peter Mullen

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Joan Leaman

*Response to the Lesson

Pastor Monica

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERVE

Moment of Impact	UMCOR	Pastor Monica
Offering		Pastor Monica
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Monica

God of righteousness and mercy, we are called through the apostles to live in reverent fear – not a fear that immobilizes, but a fear that empowers us because we know how much is at stake. We know there are implication for what we do and what we don’t do. Dedicate the gifts we give this morning to do the things your heart longs for your church to do; help our eyes to be opened to where you would use us. We pray in the name of our risen savior, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Monica
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Monica
Hymn of Sending Forth	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”	Hymn No. 714
*Benediction		Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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

Moment of Impact
UMCOR

Whenever disaster strikes around the globe—tornadoes, earthquakes or a global pandemic—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do. When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: “I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB). As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster. Even now, we are serving others in 80 countries around the world in response to the global pandemic. Thanks be to God for UMCOR!

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalm 91*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:13-35*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 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 eyes were kept from recognizing him. 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.

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

Welcome, one and all!

Church Office: 610-869-9334
Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org
Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

IN PRAYER The prayer ministry team has been praying at 7pm each night. We pray for protection and health and wellbeing for each other, for the church, for our community, our nation and our world that has been upended. We are inviting you to join us from the comfort of your home as we have been doing. Set an alarm for 7pm to pause for prayer.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER– Buy your Tees and Totes. These top quality items for just \$15 each! Email Melanie with your interest childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 20-24, 2020 If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Melanie Hartley know! Save the dates for VBS and look for registration information to open in March. Check our website at www.westgroveumc.org

The following Events and Gatherings have been postponed at this time:

- **General Conference Listening Sessions and General Conference of the United Methodist Church (May 5th—15th)**
- **Annual Conference (June 18th– 20th)**
- **Jurisdictional Conference (July 13th– 18th)**
- **KnitWit Gatherings**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: There is a new date for Annual Conference: October 13th—14th. Please let Pastor Monica know if you would like to be considered for a lay delegate to Annual Conference.

FOOD PANTRY: We give thanks to God for your generosity to the food pantry. We are serving more families every week. We will begin to receive disbursements from the Chester County Food Bank next week. What is most needed? See below. You can drop off your items **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9–noon** in the shopping cart by the office. Also, if you could use help this season, please come on **Thursdays between 4–6pm** for food.

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| • Peanut Butter and Jelly | • Rice |
| • Soup | • Wipes (kids and disinfecting) |
| • Canned fruits and Vegetables | • Tissues |
| • Canned beans | • Paper Towels and toilet paper |
| • Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta needed) | • Cleaning products |

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that
impact and change lives for Christ!*

Report from April 24, 2020

General Offering & Easter: \$ 2,340

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 1,140

Emergency Groceries YTD: 409 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,528.73

Family Promise Assistance : \$1890.00

THIS WEEK: April 26th-May3rd, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am– 12:0pm~~
The church is open for essential business only. Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

Third Sunday of Easter		
Worship (Facebook Live)		
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (via Zoom)
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Thursday:	4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	4:00 p.m.	Chapel Time (Facebook Live: Preschool Group)
	6:30 p.m.	Video & Bible Study for youth (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Fourth Sunday of Easter **Communion and Emergency Aid Sunday**

Worship (Facebook Live)		
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (via Zoom)

Please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/westgroveumc for more information.

You can also call in to Sunday service: Please use this phone number:
1 (929) 436 2866 meeting id: 572-438-033 password: 30019390

Please join us for worship at www.facebook.com/westgroveumc. You do not need Facebook to worship. Click on the link or type it into your web browser. Best of all, God is with us!

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for April: Trustees Mission Prayer Focus for April: Family Promise

Family of Linda Alexis (Saller)

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)

Glenn Allen (Mundell)

Helen Carlin

Marilyn Churchhill

Joann Coates

Florence Combs (Combs)

Dee Crawford

Ian & Cindy Currie (Lytle)

Family of Jen Donnelly (Simmons)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Michael Fackler (Fackler)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Mary Finn (Mullen)

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

John Gorman (McGinley)

Ellen Hayes

Family of Scott Helsel (Stewart)

Baby Evelyn Stewart Herrera

TJ Hess (Hruz)

Peg Kent

Suzanne Krebel (Hurst)

Gordon Maule (Phillips)



Joel & Heaven McCree
(Combs)

Laura Minnick

Peggy Mower

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Vivian Paisley

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Joan Saller

Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)

Charlie Smith (B. Smith)

Reed & Joyce Smith

Family of Ida Belle Snyder (Peirson)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
Norway

Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC

(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps

Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Easter Sunday:

A/V Production Team:

PowerPoint, & Video Production: Keith Schneider

Audio: Matt Simmonds

Camera: Alisabeth Guepet

Music Director: (virtual) Betsy Smith

PraiseWorks Mini: (virtual) Joan and Mel Leaman, Bob Castaldi

Moment for All Ages: (video) Melanie Hartley

Lay Reader: (video) Peter Mullen

Gospel Reader: (video) Joan Leaman

Online Engagement Host: (virtual) Melanie Hartley

If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, liturgist, or other part of worship in a virtual way, please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org).

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 26 ~ Saturday, May 2, 2020

Sunday: *“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.” Luke 24: 13-14.* In this time of physical distancing, there are some who are traveling this part of the journey alone. Pray for them as they experience isolation. Consider how you might be called to reach out.

Monday: *“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.” Luke 24: 15-16.* God upholds us even when we are not aware of his God’s presence. May the gift of the presence of God give you hope in the darkness, and faith in the inevitable trials of life.

Tuesday: *“Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.” Luke 24: 27.* The heart of Jesus is for all people to know him. Sharing the scriptures with confused disciples, living a life of extravagant love, and including the excluded typified his life. Are those actions are part of your life?

Wednesday: *“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.” Luke 24: 30.* Hospitality is a part of following the Way of Jesus. How is the practice of your life offering hospitality to others? In this unusual time of sheltering in place, how can you offer hospitality to neighbors virtually, from afar, and safely?

Thursday: *“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.” Luke 24: 31.* When our eyes are opened to the presence of Jesus around us, we see Jesus in our neighbors. How can you care for your neighbors in need today?

Friday: *“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?” Luke 24: 32.* Pray that Jesus might confirm in your heart the presence of God’s amazing love, that you might truly sing with confidence – *ALLELUIA!*

Saturday: *“Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.” Luke 24: 35.* When Jesus appeared to Cleopas and the unnamed disciple on the road to Emmaus, the resurrected Christ was to be known to the world. When we know Jesus, it is so that all might know of the love and power of the resurrected Christ.