



West Grove United Methodist Church

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We
Purify in Hope

HOW SHALL WE LIVE WORSHIP SERIES

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Janice

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Janice

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

-Please quiet and center yourselves for worship during this time-

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Bold in unison)

Valerie Kapp-Benner

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Your Love, Oh God, Has Called Us Here"

UMH No. 647

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

Valerie Kapp-Benner

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Pastor Janice

Holy and righteous one, we are stunned by the miracles of new life and forgiveness you offer. When our awe turns to disbelief, renew us with your joy. When our fear turns to rejection, lead us into your presence. When our stumbling leads to sin, forgive us by your grace, and direct our steps in your paths of righteousness. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Janice

MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES

Xavier Feliciano

(The children may exit the service with Xavier to continue on to Children's Worship in Room 12)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 5)

Acts 3:12-19—Psalm 4

Valerie Kapp-Benner

SONG

"Refiner's Fire"

PraiseWorks

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (pg. 5)

1 John 3: 1-7

Valerie Kapp-Benner

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MESSAGE:	“We Purify in Hope”	Pastor Janice
ANTHEM	“A Living Sacrifice”	Chancel Choir
	Words and Music by Mary McDonald	
CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		Pastor Janice
PASTORAL PRAYER		Pastor Janice
THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Janice
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Pastor Janice
OFFERTORY	“May the Words of My Mouth”	PraiseWorks
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Janice
Author of life and Giver of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Receive now these gifts and transform them with the power of your love. May they become witnesses to your resurrection, proclaiming your power and forgiveness in our community and throughout the world.		
CLOSING SONG	“Holiness (Take My Life)”	PraiseWorks
BENEDICTION		Pastor Janice
POSTLUDE		Betsy Smith

*** STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

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

7:30 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 3: 12-19, & Psalm 4

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶ There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!” ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ 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.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

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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.

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WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

Faith, hope and love are gifts from God. May you find them here. 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. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again. For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.

CMO ART SHOW: April 17th 5:00 to 7:30 pm. in the narthex and sanctuary. Come and enjoy the artwork of the kiddos who attend our CMO (Children's Morning Out). This is a fund raiser for CMO, purchases or donations are truly appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Saturday, April 20th from 7:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Join us as we "Spring Clean" West Grove UMC inside and out. Please volunteer to help in anyway you feel led. Contact Kim O'Neill at tim-kimOneill@verizon.net to sign up as a volunteer. Or just show up on Saturday and join in.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Join our UMM for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 am. in the sanctuary.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. Start rummaging through your closets and basement for the annual Spring Rummage Sale. Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, April 29th. Volunteers to help set up, man and break down the sale are always welcomed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S TEA: You are invited to join us for an afternoon tea and light desserts on Sunday, May 19th, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the church lobby and sanctuary. Following a time of refreshments and fellowship, we are excited to welcome an amazing storyteller, Diane Albertson. Diane will entertain us with a whimsical story that incorporates various Mother Goose characters, along with the stories of Eve, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachael, Rahab and Mary. All women of the church, your family, friends and loved ones are invited for an enjoyable afternoon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to dive into the fun from July 15th-19th. Call Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or call the church office at 610-869-9334, or email us at office@westgroveumc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored.

Email **Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-529-8699. Or email: **April Spencer** at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.

Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List. Requests will remain on the prayer chain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested or updated.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet
Renee Bergstrom
Santee C (Jim Mundell)
Family of Dan DePaul (Jackson)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Donna Fackler
Richard Heacock
Brody Howard, Nancy & Phil Howard
Michele Johnson (Spencer)
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Joyce Lewis
The Family of Len Marten (K. Smith)
Jay, Fran Miller
Betty Mundell
Vivian Paisley

Tim Mullen
The Family of Linda Myers, Betsy Smith
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)
Connie & Jobe Simcox
Linda Shiplet
Jeannie Sullivan
Josephine Tena
Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)
Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)
Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)
Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps
Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from April 7, 2024

General Offering: \$3,245.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$650.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

11:00: 61

Food Pantry: 116 families on 4/10 & 4/11

Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth :	Aiden Steltzer
Projection:	Kaiti Beauchamp
Officiating:	Rev. Janice Bowers & Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 04/14/24

Next Week: 04/21/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Paulette Bryan	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader:	Valerie Kapp-Benner (11:00)	John McGinley
Ushers:	Paulette Bryan & Nancy Duvall	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter:	Esther Culbertson	Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant?

We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher.

If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.