



We Walk in the Light
Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
Order of Worship

WE GATHER

Opportunities Pat Dudgeon

Prelude Jo Jackson
"How Beautiful" arr. Larson

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Pat Dudgeon
 How shall we live when shadows gather?

Drawn to God's unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another's presence.

What was hidden has been revealed;
 we are woven together with all Creation.

When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.

Let us worship God,
 Who is our Light and Salvation.

***Opening Hymn** UMH #57
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
 (Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse.)

Children's Message Amy Ray
 (Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **1 John 1:1-2:2** Pat Dudgeon
 Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
 People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *"How We Shall Live"* Rev. Deb

WE RESPOND

Holy Communion Rev. Deb & Rev. Judy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God... singing your unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
 who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

You continued... the mystery of faith.

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

Still-creating Spirit... now and always.
Amen.

Prayer after Receiving

Creative God, We thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice. We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth through our lives. Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your kin-dom here and now: a world of justice and peace. Amen.

Prayer Hymn UMH #206
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Deb

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Choral Response Chancel Choir

Offering Rev. Deb

Offertory Jo Jackson
"Shall We Gather At The River -Deep River"
 arr. Fettke

***Doxology** UMH #95

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn: *"Trust and Obey"* UMH #467

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude Jo Jackson
"Holy, Holy, Holy" -Hayes

Prayers

Anthony Brunner, a family friend of the Edwards, as he recovers from heart surgery.

Brian Salladay, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, hospitalized last Saturday morning at Memorial Central, and had surgery in the early hours of April 3rd.

Delores Neal as she recovers from a hospital stay. Priscilla Tracy's daughter, **Leslie**: Out-patient rehab.

Vicky Sams for health issues.

Don Bunce for health issues.

Tracy Boyer: loss of her husband, Smokey

Nancy Carson; loss of her husband, Charlie.

Bob Adams fell, breaking ribs; At home recovering.

Jack Whitney fell on his bad hip, diagnosed with a blood clot; at home waiting to see doctors.

Ken Wacker Sr. overcoming Prostate Cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders; Our World
Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

Opportunities

Groceries for the Backpack Project CANNED VEGETABLES

We brought enough Mac 'n Cheese for 120 backpacks (2 months' worth!!) NOW we need to bring canned vegetables: Cut Green Beans / Peas / Sweet Corn (not creamed corn). Please bring as many cans as you can to the cart by the south entrance.

Our church fills 60 backpacks every month for 3 schools: Mitchell HS, Sweigert MS and Wilson Elementary. Can we bring enough canned veggies to fill those backpacks?? You bet we CAN!!

FAMILY PROMISE April Mission Focus

**"We are so extremely grateful for your time,
energy, effort and sacrifices!
Thank you for ALL THAT YOU DO!"**

This lovely message, written on notebook paper with red hearts drawn by children, was left in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 24, after three mothers and six children had packed and left their 'bedrooms' early that morning. They had been the guests of our congregation for seven nights. We

provided meals and lodging, hospitality and friendship for those children and their mothers ... and we were blessed! Many volunteers worked together to make this happen. Thank you!

Family Promise is a national organization with one of its affiliates in Colorado Springs. It is a unique agency that provides shelter and meals in churches and synagogues. Every week the families are hosted by another congregation. During the day, families have access to many supportive services at the Family Promise Day Center, located within First UMC. The center, with showers and laundry facilities, is open 7 days a week, 7:00 - 5:00. Parents are provided strengths-based case management grounded in dignity and collaboration as they work to regain their independence and provide for their children.

We can provide hope and promise for families with our financial support. Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated Family Promise. Thank you!!

Presence

Sanctuary 123, Nursery 6, Fellowship 4,
Online 8, Total: 141

Gifts:

Mar 31 st	Mar 24 th	Mar 17 th	Mar 10 th
\$2805	\$4659	\$8996	\$4285