



We Walk in the Light
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024
Order of Worship

WE GATHER

Opportunities Pat Dudgeon

Prelude Kim Crom
"Crown Him with Many Crowns/Rejoice the Lord is King with Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary"
 arr. M. Ham

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Pat Dudgeon
 How shall we live when lavished with love?
"We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future."
 Just as in our origins, our future is tied to our planet.

Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.
 Let us worship God,
 who makes all things new.
Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla

***Opening Hymn** UMH #303
"The Day of Resurrection"

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

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7 Pat Dudgeon
 Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *"We Purify in Hope"* Rev. Deb

We Respond

Hymn of Prayer: UMH #328
"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Prayers of the People 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

Offertory Prayer Rev. Deb

Offertory Janet Dunbar, soloist
"How Great Thou Art"

***Doxology** UMH #95

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn: UMH #308 vs. 1&3
"Thine Be the Glory"

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude Kim Crom
"Festival" B. Price

Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on
 Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 12, 2024

We will be celebrating high school
 graduates: Will Schipfer, Keagan Hawkins,
 Dustin and Sierra Spillar

Prayers

Jan Adams is having surgery on April 17 on her right shoulder.

Rena Prescott: Health issues.

Lee Scheierman: Health issues.

Deb Perkins and family in the loss of her sister-in-law Ellen.

Anthony Brunner, friend of the Edwards, recovering from heart surgery.

Brian Salladay, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, recovering from surgery.

Ronald Mitchener, brother to Lillian Bauserman, recovering from surgery in Florida.

Vicky Sams for health issues.

Don Bunce for health issues.

Tracy Boyer: loss of her husband, Smokey

Nancy Carson; loss of her husband, Charlie.

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

Ken Wacker Sr. overcoming 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 60, Nursery 3, Fellowship 3,
Online 11, Total: 77

Gifts:

Apr 7 th	Mar 31 st	Mar 24 th	Mar 17 th
\$6637	\$2805	\$4659	\$8996