



We Walk in the Light
Third Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
Order of Worship

WE GATHER

Opportunities Elyse Brunnermer

Prelude Jo Jackson
"How Majestic Is Your Name" arr. Hayes

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Elyse Brunnermer
 How shall we live when we have more than enough?

We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.
 The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.
 Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.
Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla

***Opening Hymn** UMH #140
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24 Elyse Brunnermer

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *"We Abide in Christ"* Rev. Deb

We Respond

Hymn of Prayer: UMH #474
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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 Jo Jackson
"To A Wild Rose" MacDowell

***Doxology** UMH #186
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn: UMH #672
"God Be with You Until We Meet Again"

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude Jo Jackson
"Our God Reigns With Rejoice, The Lord Is King"
 arr. Fettke

Prayers

Walter Irwin, cousin in law of Sharon Irwin, receiving a double lung transplant in North Carolina.

Jan Adams had a successful surgery on Wed., April 17th on her Right shoulder. She is at home recovering.

Lee Scheierman: Health issues.

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

Vicky Sams for health issues.

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 77, Nursery 3, Fellowship 5,
Online 9, Total: 86

Gifts:

Apr 14 th	Apr 7 th	Mar 31 st	Mar 24 th
\$6364	\$6637	\$2805	\$4659