



March 31, 2024 ~ Easter Sunday; The Love Feast

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you **checked in** for worship today?*

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)*

Music in Preparation for Worship

Canzon Terzadecima

Frescobaldi

Canzon Quarta

A. Gabrieli

Brass Ensemble: Jonathan Shaw, Trumpet I; Jacob Rylko, Trumpet II; Matt Gould, Trombone I; Russel Mehtins, Trombone II; Charles Ross, Percussion

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above

Vulpus

Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Elder Melody Ransom

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is in our midst in this place today!

His reign shall have no end! Alleluia!

Alleluia! This is the good news—the grave is empty!

All praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Ransom

*Hymn No. 234

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Wes Allen

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Lord, bring us new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and when we have been wounded and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, offers forgiveness to all today. When our regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

Thank you, God! We believe you and we love you. Alleluia! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Gloria Patri

Palestrina

Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

*Gloria patri et filio
Et spiritui sancto.
Amen.*

Glory be to the father and to the Son
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Today Christ Arose From the Grave

Praetorius

Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Vaughan Williams, arr. Wolff

Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble; Ivan Denissov, Bass; Frank Mitchell, Bass

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“The Four Verbs of Jesus: Take, Bless, Break, Give”

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-34 (Pew Bible page 90 NT)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

The Love Feast

Rev. Spencer

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with the disciples during his ministry and expressing the fellowship of welcome, forgiveness, and peace enjoyed by the family of Christ. The Pastors share baskets of bread. Pass the basket. As you do so, look at the person next to you and say, “With [love, peace, gratitude or hope], I share this bread with you.” Then take and eat the bread, and rejoice. Christ the Lord is risen!

Elders for the Love Feast: Frank Manion, Joyce Wenzke, Pam Engle, Paul Booker, Paul Grossmann, Peg Madorno, Melody Harper Ransom, and Dave Rebuck.

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the Good News that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day. He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in Whom all things hold together, in Whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church, and by the cross, reconciles all things to God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn No. 92

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Rigaudon

Campra

Brass Ensemble

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Wes Allen)

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are lovingly given by members of the congregation in honor and in memory of those they hold dear. **SEE INSERT** If you purchased flowers, you may pick them up after worship.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Melody Ransom; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts; **Easter Flower Display Arrangers:** Fran Green and Stacy Schaffer; **Love Feast:** Vicki Terry and Melody Ransom; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Lori Bell; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Owen Dietz; **Coffee Hospitality:** Carol Wiggans, Sue Piper & Jim Cole; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Ginny Powell; **Nursery:** There is no nursery care or Sunday School this Sunday so that staff may worship with their families.

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)



It's that personal touch. The Deacons are seeking deliverers to help deliver **Easter flowers** to our less mobile members. Can you provide an hour or so to support this ministry? Great. Please see Deacon flower delivery coordinators [Bobbi Voglesong](#) or [Gail Sorin](#) after worship today if you can assist.



Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee hour as Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. Our property staff is able to help but often in other areas of the building. Please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically assist with the coffee table. Our goal is to compile several teams so the obligation is just about a week a month. Thank you to Carol for stepping in to support this hospitality ministry. *Grow the Kingdom opportunity: I Will Serve*

EASTER BREAK: Parents, be sure to check the church calendar for our Easter break dates for activities, fellowship groups and choir rehearsals March 26-April 7. See Page 4 of "Connections"

Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study (10:15-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online and stop by on Sunday mornings. Runs through May 19.

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office.

Save the date for a Dine and Donate on **Monday, April 15** at Iron Hill Brewery to support mission events. Iron Hill is located at 124 E. Kings Highway in Maple Shade. Dine in, take out or order to go. Be sure to mention the church! Visit ironhillbrewery.com for the menu.

Spring Prayer Retreat (register by April 19): Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. Retreat dates: **May 21-24**; [sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. *Grow The Kingdom Opportunity: I Will Pray*



Egg Hunt Update -- Due to rain on March 23, we have reimagined the egg hunt. We will incorporate the egg hunt into our end of year party for Kingdom Kids on **Wednesday, April 24th** (Pre-K-3rd grade; 4:45-5:45 pm) and on **Wednesday, April 17th** for Crossing Zone (grades 4-6; 6:30-7:30 pm) which all children are invited to attend. This will allow us to continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and remember all that Jesus has done for us as we enter our summer break. We are very grateful for all in our church family who donated candy and toys for our eggs and for Girl Scout Troop 30575 that filled the eggs.



NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays beginning, April 17: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Centering Prayer Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *Grow The Kingdom Opportunity: I Will Pray*



The church office/campus is CLOSED Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter Monday.