

Celebrations and Prayers

Please Help Us Celebrate: Milestone birthdays, anniversaries or other celebratory events. Let us know and we'll post yours here:

- The birth of **Audra Johanna Chervin** on March 28, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. Parents are **Nancy and Chris Chervin** and maternal grandparents are **Pam and Tom Meaker**.
- **Phyllis Atherton** for her 93rd birthday on March 29, 2017.

This Week We Hold in Prayer:

- Family and friends of **Rev. Norman Nelson**, who died on April 10. Rev. Nelson was Youth Minister here in the 1970's.
- **Elaine**, sister of **Cherylyn Ramos**, for renewed strength as a caregiver.
- **Miles Scully** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- **Diana Carlisle**, family, and friends of **Jim Inman** who died on April 4, 2017.
- **Barbara Backus McKorkle**, mother of **Rob Backus**, recovering in rehab from a fractured hip.
- Family of **Ruth M. Copp**, who died on March 19, 2017.
- **Donna Lee's** niece, **Michelle**, who is battling cancer.

We continue to hold in prayer: Phyllis Atherton, Carol Morse, Betty Moser, Fred and Joan Krech, Debbie Payea, Jean Vaubourg, Barbara Backus McCorkle, Carol Beams, Leslie Green, Ruth O. Copp, June Southall, Cheyenne LaPierre, Nicolle LaPierre, Dorothy Winward, Lois Riggs

If you wish to request prayers, please complete a blue prayer card. Prayer requests are included on our Prayer Tree and Worship Bulletin, unless other specific instructions are written. Prayers will be listed for 4 weeks.

Please Note: *If you would like to add someone other than yourself, we must know you have that person's permission.*



EASTER ~ April 16, 2017

Prelude *Christ Had Been With The Dead* Samuel Scheidt

Candle Lighting We light the candle as a symbol of Christ's light in our midst. As we bring in the light, we symbolize Christ's entry of light into our worship. As we take out the light, we symbolize Christ's light leading us out into the world.

Welcome Rev. Carrie Bail & Rev. Sally May

***Passing of the Peace**

Choral Introit *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* German

Call to Worship

One: Life, love, and hope have been resurrected!

All: We are witness and disciples of the Risen Christ!

One: Let us rejoice and give thanks that God is alive!

All: May the power of Love that lives beyond the grave mold us, move us, and make us whole!

***Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* **PH 182**

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

We gather this day to offer our thanks to you, O Holy One, for your light in our darkness. May we receive your Spirit of Hope as we worship our Living God. May our worship together this Easter day build us up in love, strengthen our faith, and forever grant us your peace. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all creation, resurrect us from despair. Help us to see the promise of new life when we grieve. Grant us your grace that we may open our minds and our hearts to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. Holy God, grant us courage and strength to live our days with justice and peace that we may all be one. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Praise *Glory to the Creator* **PH 513**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Word of God for All Ages

Epistle Reading Acts 10:34-43 (*p. 957-958*)

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10 (*p. 865*)

Anthem *Now the Green Blade Riseth* French, arr. Lindley
Bruce Barger, *soloist*

Sermon *Going Before You* Rev. Carrie Bail

***Hymn** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* **PH 185**

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Alleluia* Jerry Sinclair

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *This Joyful Eastertide* Dutch, arr. Mallory

***Offertory Response** *Old Hundreth* **PH 515**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We dedicate our gifts that they may stretch us to do more than we ever thought we could do. Holy and Wondrous God, help us to believe in the unbelievable, live in the moment while honoring what has been, and at all times living and offering faith, peace, and love Amen.

***Hymn** *Thine Is the Glory* **PH 193**

***Bidding to Mission and Benediction**

Postlude *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound* G.F.Handel

*Please stand as you are able.