

## SERVICE THIS MORNING

8:45 am:

**Infants:** Bud Oehrli  
**Toddlers:** Carol Heim  
**Preschool:** Jackson Chamberlain  
 Caroline Chamberlain

### Nursery:

11:00 am:

Stephan & Jordan Dye  
 Sarah Hopfer  
 Will Macaulay  
 Elizabeth Macaulay

### Ushers:

Denese Reichenbach,  
 Doris Dunn, Tom Ellison,  
 John McManus

Cindy Epps, Mike Fritz,  
 Burt Welch, Wayne Meyer,  
 Christian Meyer,  
 Larry & Judy Terrell

### Greeters:

Darlene Williams  
 Theresa Higgins

Strat Lake

### Acolytes:

Elise Welfare

Anna & Laura Honeycutt

### Children in Worship (CIW):

**Storyteller:** Mary Diehl  
**Greeter:** Elaine Evans  
**Helper:** Jon Hattaway

Melissa Dye  
 TBD  
 Rhonda Barrett

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, ask an usher in the Narthex for directions to and available room.

### **PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & YOUNGER:**

Nurseries: (Pages are available for your convenience)

- **Infant Nursery** (Room S104 – Ms. Sylvia & Ms. Carmen): Birth-18 months
- **Toddler Nursery** (Room S103 – Ms. Carolyn): Ages 18 months – 2 years
- **Preschool Nursery** (Room S102 – Ms. Angie): Ages 3 through 4 years (not attending CIW)
- If your child attends the Worship Service with you, s/he will be led to the appropriate nursery after the Children's Time
- **Complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**

Children may be picked up in the above rooms on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Our nurseries are open during both worship services and the Sunday school hour. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered in the Toddler and Preschool rooms each week.

**Children in Worship:** (children age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

- Bring the child into the worship service and **complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew racks. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**
- After the Children's Time, children will be led to **The Handbell Room**. Please pick up your child following worship in The Handbell Room, next to the Choir Room on the Music/Nursery Wing.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY:

8:15 am Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 8:45 am Worship Service/Congregational Mtg., Sanctuary  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Men's Chorus Rehearsal, Choir Room  
 11:00 am Worship Service/Congregational Mtg., Sanctuary

### MONDAY, May 13:

9:00 am SM Supervision Group #1, M210  
 10:00 am Creative Connections, M312  
 6:30 pm Adult Discipleship Team Meeting, M210  
 Health Ministries Team Meeting, FH Parlor

### TUESDAY, May 14:

8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast, FH  
 6:30 pm Worship & Music Team Meeting, M201  
 Stewardship Team Meeting, M210  
 7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting, M312

### WEDNESDAY, May 15:

9:30 am Disabilities Min. Presentation, M312  
 Wednesday Bible Study, M106  
 2:00 pm Congregational Care Team Meeting, M312  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### THURSDAY, May 16:

10:00 am Ladies of Unity Book Club, FH Parlor  
 1:00 pm Games & Fellowship Group, FH  
 6:30 pm Safety Ministry Team Meeting, M210

### SUNDAY, May 19:

8:45 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 10:00 am Congregational Breakfast Honoring Grads, FH  
 "Welcome to Unity" Coffee, M201  
 11:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 12:15 pm High School Power Lunch, Location TBA  
 Honduras Lunch Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
 4:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony, Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Bible Study, M107

### **Pastors:**

Rev. Mark Diehl  
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## The Service for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

The Organ Prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the Sanctuary. It is a sign for prayerful meditation and silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude *For All the Faithful Women* arr. Hobby

### **WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE**

Call to Worship

ONE: On this joyful morning, surrounded by our church family, to whom will we give all thanks and praise and glory?  
**MANY: We will praise the Lord our God, the Almighty, our Savior.**  
 ONE: When the night is dark, when terror fills our hearts, when grief is overwhelming, to whom will we turn for our strength and guidance?  
**MANY: We will rely on the Lord our God, our Redeemer and our strength.**  
**ALL: Hallelujah! Let us worship the risen Lord!**

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\* Hymn of Praise No. 401 **GATHER US IN**

*Here in This Place*

\* Call to Confession

ONE: Because we are a people who have experienced the reality of God's glory on Easter, we are a people who confess the greatness of God and our need for God's mercy. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\* Prayer of Confession

**MANY: Loving and merciful God, we confess that our sin is causing us to miss the glimpses of you that surround us each day. For times when our minds have been on the tasks of the day so that we have missed your glorious creation surrounding us, we ask for your mercy. For times when our minds have been focused on the negative so that we have missed the joyful blessings you have given, we ask for your grace. For times when our hearts have been distracted by our small bubble of worries so that we**

have missed the company of our neighbors, we ask for your pardon. Grant that we may know your presence, and empower us to seek your grace and love this day and every day. Amen.

\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

ONE: The incredible truth of God's love is this: wherever we go, Christ is there: to guide us, to love us, to energize us, to redeem us, and to call us every day into new and abundant life.

MANY: **Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

\* Congregational Response MFURAHINI, HALELUYA  
*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

**Christ has arisen to set us free.**

**Alleluia, to him praises be.**

**Jesus is living! Let us all sing;**

**He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.**

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.**

**Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:14-25

Anthem

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Men's Chorus

arr. Shackley

If you wish to follow along,  
the text may be found on page 463 of the hymnal.

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Sermon

Rev. Lindsay White

“Waiting for Resurrection”

Text: “All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

\* Hymn of Response No. 324

NYLAND

*For All the Faithful Women*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**UNISON: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Offertory

*Largo*

Handel

(Congregation is requested to sign the Welcome Pad at this time.)

Online giving option: [UnityOnlineGiving.org](http://UnityOnlineGiving.org) (QR Code on pew cards)

\* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**MANY: God of great plenty, may we be grateful for the abundance you have given us. May all that we do, all that we give, and all that we say be given to your glory, and may you use it to further your kingdom. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Commitment No. 774

STUTTGART

*There Is Now a New Creation*

Congregational Meeting

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D Major*

Johnson

\* Congregation Standing

--:-- Ushers will seat those waiting

## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to those visiting with us this morning. We welcome you to Unity Presbyterian Church, its work and worship, its nurture and service, its comfort and ministry. Please sign the Welcome Pad as it comes to you, giving us your address and telephone number. We invite you to speak with one of the pastors, or check “wish to join” on the Welcome Pad, if you desire to be a part of this church family.

**WELCOME PADS** are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

**BIBLES ARE LOCATED** in racks underneath the pews.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Information Center in the Narthex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

**EVERYONE IS ASKED** to please welcome late-comers to worship by making room for them in the pews.

**WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE** for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools to help children engage in worship. Parents will find an instruction card included in the bag; please take time to read it. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, put the used bag in the return basket.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Jo Ann Cantrell in loving memory of her mother, Janette McDaniel, and in honor of all mothers.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for today following both worship services, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**LITURGICAL COLORS:** We use white when we celebrate days that emphasize the divinity of Christ. This includes Easter Sunday and the Easter Season (also referred to as *Eastertide*, the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday). Typically, if you find white paraments (the cloths that adorn the communion table, pulpit & lectern, and clergy stoles) in the sanctuary, you are worshiping at a time that is significant in our understanding of Jesus as God. White symbolizes holiness. It is also sometimes used for the celebration of our sacraments (baptism and communion).

