

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Prelude Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

What JOY is ours today! Amen

***Hymn** *Christ Arose*

see insert

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. Amen

***Words of Assurance**

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-43

³⁶ While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. ³⁷ They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt?" ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

⁴⁰ After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ He took it and ate it as they watched.

Sermon

Count the WOWS!

Hymn

He Touched Me

see insert

Pastoral Prayer -Silent Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet, and any time I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

Offering of our Gifts

Invitation

***Doxology**

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our love. Amen

***Hymn**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

see insert

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prayer Corner

Hospitalized:

Home from the hospital:

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, JoAnne Martens, Mary Martens, Audrey Glamm, Mark Meyer, Larry McConnell, Family of Laura Mediger

Homebound: Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Oak Terrace Nursing Home
Le Sueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview Le Sueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home

Anita Tiegs

If you know of someone in the hospital, scheduled for surgery, recently hospitalized or in need of a pastoral visit, please call Pastor Deb or the church office.

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples



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