

Sandi Perl, Pastor Elly Stempien, Organist
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Opening Praise – on the flower post-it note write your best surprise. As you thank Jesus put your post it note on the cross in the front of the sanctuary.

Welcome in the name of Jesus!

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise (UMH) 657 This Is the Day

Sharing of the Peace – please take a moment to greet those around you in the Name of the Lord.

Anthem He is Risen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice, rejoice! The tomb is empty, what was dead is alive.

**All: With Mary Magdalene we come creeping into the light,
tears of sadness turned to tears of joy,
for Jesus is alive!**

Leader: Is this a giant divine joke? Is God having the last laugh?

**All: Yes, and yes and so much more. We come to worship with
laughter and hope, for life is here. Amen.**

***MORNING PRAYER**

Risen Lord, we thank you for the hope of Easter morning that resonates in song, and word. Filling this place with good news for what was no longer is: despair has become joy, fear has become courage, questions have become faith. Too many of your beloved children, God of new life, live as though death has the last word, as though fear can trump compassion, as though violence is the source of true power. This day, of all days, is the day that laughs at those who thought using fear, violence and death are the means to their own success. Risen Lord, this is the day, this is the day, that you rose again, that you rose again, may we be glad in it, this day and every day. Hear our prayer. Amen

Hymn of Praise (UMH) 261 Lord of the Dance

TIME OF PRAYER (UMH) 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord

THE LORD’S PRAYER –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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

Baptism of Meridyn Lee Whitford

Baptism of Becci Whitford

Baptism of Todd C. Whitford

Easter Communion

***OFFERTORY/ DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

Lord your giving is never ending, you constantly pour out your gifts upon us. Lord, we want to be more like you, help us to pour out our gifts for others. Receive these gifts of money today, may they be used to spread the good news of your love in places where we cannot be. Accept our gifts, freely given, for you and for the work of the church at home and abroad. Amen

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:21-29 (pg 565), John 20:1-18 (pg 114)

Message

Closing Hymn (FWS) 2114 At The Font We Start Our Journey

Good News

May there be enough alleluia’s to fill the day and then enough left over for all the days to come. Send us out as your risen people, sharing our alleluias with the world, bringing new life and new hope. Amen.

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee, cake and conversation after church as we welcome Todd, Becci and Meridyn Whitford to the family,

SERVING THIS WEEK (4/1/18)

Greeters: Marilyn Sands and Barbara Bailey
Ushers: Bill and Delores Sutherland
Scripture Reader: Joyce Weidrich
Sunday School: Kerry Fitch
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen
Door Greeter: Jeff Stempien
Prayer Minister: Aimee Perry
Fellowship: Join us to celebrate the baptisms of Todd, Becci and Meridyn Whitford

SERVING NEXT WEEK (4/8/18)

Greeters: Jim and Hope Enslow
Ushers: Ron and Jane Salyer
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Nursery: Doreen S and Laurie P
Door Greeter: Doug Fingar
Prayer Minister: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Friends

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Resurrection
(Easter)

April 1, 2018