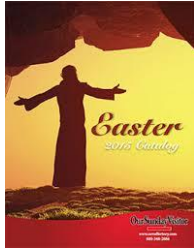


**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**April 5, 2015  
EASTER SUNDAY**



**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CHORAL PROCLAMATION – “The Stone Is Rolled Away”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP -**

L: Come quickly to the tomb to see the place where He was laid.

**P: Look! The stone is rolled away! He is not here!**

L: Just as He said, He would conquer death.

**P: We can see for ourselves this awesome sight.**

L: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**P: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE - #2258 “Sing Alleluia To The Lord”**

**CONGREGATION PRAYER**

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day!  
Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our  
spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us  
celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE - Let us offer one another signs  
of reconciliation and love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE -#302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**CHOIR ANTHEM – “He Is Risen”**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Jim Houle and Susan Spoor  
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**CHILDREN’S TIME –**

**PRAYER TIME**

**PRAYER HYMN - #2119 “Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is”**

**OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION –**

**Majestic One, today we celebrate the miracle that was created for  
all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen  
Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your  
amazing, unwavering love. The unconditional love that you  
repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children.  
Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven  
become more of a reality on Earth. Glory Hallelujah! Amen and  
amen. (Mark 16:1-8)**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 20: 1-18**

**SERMON: “Let’s Dance” Rev. Judy D White-Wunder**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION -**

**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our  
Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our  
growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our  
failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we  
have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that  
we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection;  
people who know that what was thought to be impossible has  
been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with  
your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you  
need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our  
Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE -**

*L. Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His  
love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved  
through the gift of Jesus Christ. AMEN.*

**CELEBRATE CHRIST’S GIFT THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION**

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**\*CLOSING HYMN: #261 “Lord of the Dance”**

*As the Spirit leads, let us Dance the dance of Joy and Resurrection!*

**GOING FORTH AS EASTER PEOPLE - Dance, celebrate, sing, and  
shout for joy! Christ is Risen and He goes before us, into this  
world of fear and pain. He has called us to bring the Good News of  
healing and hope, of redemption. Go in peace, and feel the  
presence of the Risen Lord with you, now and forever. AMEN.**

**SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK**

Organist: Elly Stempien  
Choir Director: Aimee Perry  
Communion Steward – Barbara Bailey  
Liturgist: Bill Sutherland  
Scripture Reader: Joyce Wiedrich  
Greeters: Barb and Chuck Shank  
Ushers: Bill and Delores Sutherland  
Easter Breakfast: Michele and Curt Covert (7:30am)  
Fellowship: MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren  
Sunday School: No Sunday School today, Easter  
Nursery: Doreen Sorensen and Breanna Summers  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Linda Folts

**SERVING NEXT WEEK: (4/12/15)**

Organist: Elly Stempien  
Choir Director: Aimee Perry  
Liturgist: Bill Sutherland  
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller  
Greeters: Ron Sergent and Bev Dean  
Ushers: Jane and Ron Salyer  
Fellowship: Waneta Nielsen and Bev Dean  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland

**This Week in the Life of the Church**

**Tues:**

Noon: UMW meet  
7pm – Choir Practice

**Bible Study – Wed. 10am “Where Is God When It Hurts”**

**Friday, April 10-11, leave for Sight and Sound theater production of Moses.**

**COMING UP: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, TOP OF THE LAKE RESTAURANT. Price \$30 per person, includes tax and tip. See sign-up sheet for menu. Need to have reservations in by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Appetizers and desert will be gift of Bluff Point UMC. Please make out check to Bluff Point UMC.**

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