

## April 18, 2021

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Bells of the Old Minister" Blaus Rowdemath  
Carol Stewart and Steve Gurk, piano-organ duet

Greeting/Life of the Church Elaine Hughes

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Let us call on our God and give thanks.  
Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

**P: Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.  
Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.**

L: Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.  
Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

**P: Surely the Spirit leps us in our weakness.  
The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.**

L: Who can separate us from the love of God?  
Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

**A: Nothing can separate us from God's love.  
We can face all things, knowing God's care.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH#117

Opening Prayer (unison)

**You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ's intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH#396

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

Ministry of Music "I Walk Today, Where Jesus Walked" Geoffrey O'Hara  
Stephanie Leupp & John Sherer, duet; Gene Foiles, piano

Scripture Lesson Romans 8: 31-39

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "How Great a Debtor" Roderick Leupp

\*\*Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" UMH#310

\*\*Sending Forth

\*\*Postlude "Blessed Assurance" Phoebe P. Knapp/Norman Johnson



*Altar Flowers are given by Harry & Alice Osman  
in honor of their granddaughter Sarah's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



Monday 19	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 20	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Mission Outreach	3:30 pm	Rm 8
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A, B, C, & 16 A
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Wednesday 21	<b>DEADLINE FOR 4/25/21 BULLETIN</b>		
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Thursday 22	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Christian Ed	7:00 pm	Library
Friday 23	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 24	Double I	5:00 pm	Rm 15 A & Kitchen
Sunday 25	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC
	Scholarship Interviews	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Boy Scouts Troop 140	5:00 pm	Rm 15 A

#### Sunday School Studies

**Explorers** meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle, 4 week study of "Easter Realities."

**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Feeling Secure in a Troubled World" by Charles Stanley.

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

Oh, to *grace* how great a  
**debtor** Daily I'm constrained to be.

Let **THY GOODNESS** like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart **TO THEE.**



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#### Worship Team

Guest Speaker

Roderick Leupp

Ushers

Bill Vahle, Chad Mossing  
Gerald Mahan, Rick Smith

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Acolytes

Micah Fleming and Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

## Scripture Lesson – Romans 8: 31-39

### God's Love in Christ Jesus

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### Next Sermon – Sunday, April 25

"The Sheep of His Pasture"  
Gospel Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner  
John 10: 11-18

## Announcements

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