

April 14, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Jim McPeek
John Carter

**Call to Worship

Turn to Christ.

Christ calls us here.

Place your trust in God.

The Lord, our God, protects our lives.

Lean into the Spirit.

We worship in Spirit and truth.

**Opening Hymn "Christ Is Alive" (v.1,3,5) UMH #318

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship. With the power of your Holy Spirit reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and minds to receive your miraculous healing love. Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as agents of your healing touch. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer Rev. Jenn Lucas

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.

Offering/Offertory Jim McPeek
"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" Mark Hayes

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your abundant love and your life-giving grace. Bless us as we bear witness to your love and grace in all that we say, all that we give, and all that we do. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Mark 8:22-26

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Honest Healing" Rev. Jenn Lucas

**Closing Hymn "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" (v.1,2,3) UMH #306

**Sending Forth Rev. Jenn Lucas

Postlude Jim McPeek
"Ainta that Good News" John Carter



*The Altar Flowers are given by Kim Nelson
in loving memory of her husband, Kevin.*

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:22-26 (CEB)

A blind man is healed

²² Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch and heal him.

²³ Taking the blind man's hand, Jesus led him out of the village. After spitting on his eyes and laying his hands on the man, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴ The man looked up and said, "I see people. They look like trees, only they are walking around."

²⁵ Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again. He looked with his eyes wide open, his sight was restored, and he could see everything clearly. ²⁶ Then Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village!"

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



Honest Healing



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

April 14, 2024 - Worship Team

Guest Pastor	Rev. Jenn Lucas
Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Will Mossing, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Laurie Krakowiak, Barbara Mills, Betsy Murray, Becky Cultice
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 16	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	FH 15 A
	Mission Outreach	3:30 pm	Parlor
	Investment Working Group	4:30 pm	Library
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A,B,C, 16 A
Wednesday 17	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 18	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 19	Private Event	6:30 pm	FCC, Kitchen
Saturday 20	Proactive Planning Seminar	10:00am	CC 16 A-B
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