

Youth Sunday

April 21, 2024

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church Molly Mossing
Prelude Introduction Molly Mossing
Prelude Handbell Choir
"The Tallis Canon" Douglas Wagner

**Call to Worship Will Mossing
Are we eager to show Christ's love for one another in truth and action?

Risen Lord, make us eager!

Are we ready to follow the example of Jesus, who laid down his life for us?

Lord Jesus, prepare our hearts!

Are we willing to share what we know about Jesus Christ our Risen Lord with others?

Holy Spirit, give us courage to be witnesses of Christ's love!

Opening Hymn Introduction Will Mossing

**Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v.1,2,5) UMH #139

Opening Prayer (unison) Micah Fleming

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.

Adult's Moments Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming

Prayer Hymn Introduction Catherine Mossing

Prayer Hymn
"The Lord's My Shephard, I'll Not Want" (v.1,4,5) UMH #136

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer Moira Ackenhausen
(During prayer respond to the invitation, "Hear us, O God" with "**Your mercy is great.**")

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 Morgan Fleming, Alainah Skaggs
Offering/Offertory Organ Handbell Choir
Arnold Sherman
"Prayer"

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Molly Mossing

As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's name, we present these gifts. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"To Everything There Is a Season" Ed Harris

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24 Will Mossing, Micah Fleming
L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Spirit of Love"
Guest Speakers, Moira Ackenhausen, Molly Mossing

Closing Hymn Introduction Moira Ackenhausen or Molly Mossing

**Closing Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" (v.1,2,5) UMH #529

**Sending Forth Moira Ackenhausen or Molly Mossing

Go forth in God's care, taking love wherever you go.

We will abide in God's love.

Go forth in God's name, taking Christ wherever you go.

We will abide in God's love.

Go forth in God's grace, sharing mercy with everyone you meet.

We will abide in God's love.

Go in peace in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Jim McPeek
John Carter



*The Altar Flowers are given by Eric and Kylie Fleming
in honor of their 16th Wedding Anniversary.*

Scripture Reading – 1 John 3:16-24 (NIV)

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Guest Speakers	Moira Ackenhausen, Molly Mossing
Ushers	Ian Stone, Robin Stone, Luke Mossing, Logan Fleming
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Acolytes	Chad Mossing, Erik Fleming
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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Tuesday 23	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 24	Handbell Practice Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 25	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Practice	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Parlor FCC
Friday 26	Private Event	6:30 pm	FCC, Kitchen
Saturday 27	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
Sunday 28	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Parlor, 8,11, 16A Narthex Sanctuary

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HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY?: Life Line Screening will be here on **Monday, May 13** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today, Call toll-free: 1-844-591-7160, Online: <https://lisa.social/HC> or Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

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JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES: The Missions Team would like to thank everyone who generously donated to JAM. They collected \$245 and 124 seed packets.

LOST/FOUND: Are you missing a hat, coffee cup, jewelry, sunglasses, or reading glasses? These are a few of the items that are currently in our Lost & Found. Make sure to check the pink tray under the Ad Board Council News Bulletin Board by the office door.

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Somehow, I have the wrong black/tan rain coat with the brand name Fleet Street. It is possible that I have had this coat for a while, due to winter. If you also have one, check and see if the one you have is yours, if not, call Debbie Spitler (937) 545-9879.

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