May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC
RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY
OPENING PRAYER: O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. (Book of Worship #392)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*CALL TO WORSHIP:
  LEADER: Christ is risen!
  ALL: Alleluia!
  LEADER: Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our minds on things above.
  ALL: And let us give thanks for God’s great mercy and for our new birth into a living hope! Let us worship our risen God!
  (adapted from Colossians 3:1-4 & 1 Peter 1:3-4)

*HYMN: Christ is Alive  Red Hymnal #318
*INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION  Red Hymnal pg. 12
*PASSING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM
*DOXOLOGY: (In Unison) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (Red Hymnal #95)

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER
*HYMN: Christ Has Risen  Black Hymnal #2115
1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (p.771)  Martha Watkins
  Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
  All: Thanks be to God

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (p.857)
SERMON: Empowered to Live New Lives  Rev. Laura Stratton

HOLY COMMUNION  Red Hymnal pg. 13
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. (Red Hymnal pg.11)

*HYMN: Blessed Assurance  Red Hymnal #369
   You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL Easter People… (vs. 1&2)  Red Hymnal #304

Today’s Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God!

We have large-print hymnals available. If you would like one, please let Pastor Laura or an usher know.
Don't let Sunday be the end of your spiritual focus this week. Continue your faith journey with:

**PRAYER:** This week, as we continue our Easter celebration, pray this prayer:

O God, our shepherd, our gate, our lamb: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your pasture. Guide us to your clear streams, and tame the wolf at our gate; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Worship #399)

**STUDY:** Reread today's Scripture readings. How are you living an obedient life?

**SERVICE:** How has your new life inspired you to serve others?

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Our Stewardship

“We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our services and our witness.”

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Vital Statistics through April 30th

- Attendance: 56
- Joined Church: 0
- People in Mission: 5
- Small Groups: 3
- General Fund: $832.35
- Amount Needed Each Week: $2153.00
- Amount to Mission: $10

***For gifts above and beyond your regular offering, please cross out “Roof” and write-in “Parking Lot” on your offering envelope. We will need to replace the parking lot in the future, and we want to begin saving money for this project.***

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Serving today:

- Pianist: Rachel Milam
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Acolyte: Grace Hulse
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell
- Nursery this Week:
- Nursery next Week:

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~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

Sunday, 5/7
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Sunday Worship
- 12:00pm Packing for Feeding the Lambs!

Monday, 5/8
- 10:00am Nurture Group Meets
- 1:00pm Spring Study on the Sermon on the Mount

Tuesday, 5/9
- 2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura’s Office Hours

Wednesday, 5/10
- 12:00pm Wednesday Prayer – Pray where you are!

Thursday, 5/11
- 10:00-12:00 Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds
- 1:00pm Coloring & Bible Study at Hidden Springs

Sunday, 5/14
- 9:45am Sharing Time!
- 11:00am Sunday Worship
- Happy Mother’s Day!

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 5/17
- 7:00pm SPRC Meeting

Saturday, 5/20
- 6:00pm Supper Club – Catered at Page UMC!

Sunday, 5/28
- Newsletter Deadline – June, July, & August

Worship With Us

- **Liturgists:** If you are interested in reading Scripture and leading the Call to Worship during worship on Sunday, please tell Pastor Laura!
- **Choir:** Join us Thursdays at 7:00pm for practice!
- **Nursery:** Children are welcome during Sunday worship, and we have a moment we spend talking just to them. We have Bibles and crayons and paper in the pews for children. Nursery services are available for children ages 0-6 years old. Two adults will be in the nursery, located downstairs. If you need help, ask the ushers to help you find the way.

Grow With Us

- **Sunday School:** Take another opportunity to grow in your faith and join us for Sunday School at 9:45am! We have classes for all ages.
- **Wednesday Prayer:** Pastor Laura invites all to join her in a time of prayer and devotion on Wednesdays at 12:00noon. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, for prayer and devotion. To receive an email reminder, tell Pastor Laura.
- **Prayer List:** If you asked for prayers for someone, please let Pastor Laura know about updates on their condition. We want to be able to celebrate their joys and continue our prayers for those who need it, while keeping our list current.
- **Bible Study & Coloring at Hidden Springs:** The second Thursday of every month, we will go to Hidden Springs Senior Living from 1:00-2:00pm for a time of Bible study, reflection, and adult coloring. Let Pastor Laura know if you want to come!
- **Spring Bible Study:** Join us in May as we spend four weeks taking a closer look at Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount! We will meet May 8th, 15th, & 22nd from 1:00-2:30pm.

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During May we are collecting **Peanut Butter & Jelly.** Don’t forget to add this to your shopping list!
- **Feeding the Lambs:** Join us after worship once a month to pack bags of food for kids at Springfield Elementary School to take home on the weekends. Last packing date is May 7.

Community Opportunities

- **An Evening with Rev. Irina Mitina:** Sunday, May 7th at 5:30pm at Luray UMC’s Fellowship Hall. +Pastor Irina is an exciting Christian leader who will share about the ministry she is involved in with people in Russia. This will be a time to learn, and to encourage her, and celebrate our connection in Jesus Christ and as United Methodist believers.
Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ 38 Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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