

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE (HOME EDITION)

## Seventh Sunday of Easter (Heritage Sunday)

May 24, 2020

### Congregated or Isolated, We Are Easter People

Morning Call to Worship (*by Mary J. Scifres*):

Called to be one,

**we are here.**

Called to be resilient,

**we are here.**

Called in devotion to God,

**we are here to worship and pray.**

Hymn of Praise.....“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”.....#304

**Prayer of Confession** (*by Mary J. Scifres*):

**Heavenly Christ, come down from on high to be with us, even in our darkest hours. As you share in our suffering, share your love in the midst of our shortcomings and our failings. Raise us to new heights with your forgiveness and mercy, that we may glorify you in all that we say and in all that we do. Enter into our sorrows with grace and hope, that we might be overwhelmed with joy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

- (*please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence*) -

**Assurance of Pardon:**

The Risen Christ is here, restoring, empowering, and strengthening us. We are established as God’s beloved children, forgiven and made new in Christ’s love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and have received the gift of life!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are loved, forgiven, and have received the gift of life! Glory to God! Amen.**

Psalter.....Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35.....#792

**A Prayer for Those In Times of Illness**.....*Georgia Harkness (UMH #460)*

(*also please be in active prayer for those named on the back of the bulletin*)

O God, you who forgive our iniquities and heal our diseases, we cry to you.

Our strength has been brought low, and we know not what the future holds.

In our bodies, there is pain; in our souls, anxiety and unrest.

If it may be so, restore us to health. We ask no miracle of deliverance, and if in the order of nature our suffering must continue, help us accept it without rebellion.

If it must lead us toward the valley of the shadow, help us to fear no evil, but to go bravely nearer into your presence.

In your good keeping, all is well. Into your hands we commend our bodies and our spirits.

Do with us as you will. Amen.

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

### Listen for God’s Presence

Prayer for Illumination: **These are holy words – words that reveal God’s love, words that inspire our hope, and words that bring us joy. Listen for signs of love, hope, and joy in the reading of God’s holy word. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson.....1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel Lesson.....John 17:1-11

Sermon.....“We Are Easter People”

### Testify to God’s Renewal in You

\*Hymn of Assurance.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....#529

\*Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles’ Creed”.....#881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering – Please mail or drop off all tithes and offerings to the Bethel church address.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** God of love, you are present in all things. Be present to a hurting world in these gifts. Multiply their impact through the United Methodist Church to strengthen and magnify your holy and abiding presence during these desperate times. Use them, to make a community of love and a place of belonging for all people. Use them to help others know the blessings of being your beloved children. Amen.

### Go and Reveal Christ’s Glory and Love

\*Hymn of Joy.....“A Charge to Keep I Have”.....#413

**Benediction:** Joy to the world! The Lord has come to earth. Christ has risen from death itself. Christ’s glory is ours to share with the world. Amen.

### Announcements & Upcoming Events:

❖ All services and gatherings are postponed until June 10. More information to come soon on re-opening church.

❖ If you have internet access, please take a look at our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/BethelUMCWinnsboro/>) and circuit website

([www.fairfieldcircuitumc.org](http://www.fairfieldcircuitumc.org)) for updates including worship services, devotions like the one included with this home edition bulletin and sermons.

- ❖ **If you do not have internet access**, everything will be made available for pick-up at Bethel's church entrance or for delivery. If you would like to have the materials delivered please call the church office at **803-635-4157**.
- ❖ **THANK YOU! To all of you who have continued giving! All tithes and offerings may be mailed or dropped off at the Bethel church address.** Please consider giving a donation to UM Native American Ministries today. Your offering funds scholarships for UM Native American seminary students, strengthens and develops N.A. ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports N.A. outreach at the AC level.

Lectionary Readings for (Pentecost Sunday):

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

**Our Mission Statement:**

***The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church & Monticello UMC is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.***

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

**Monticello UMC-** Carol & Ray Ball, Elen Bradley, Mack Bradley, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, the Cassellas Family, Darlene Coker, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Jenny and Quinn Kaderly, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Sharon Marler, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson & her family, Eddie & Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller

**Bethel UMC-** Harriet Albert & her family, Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Creighton Bailey, Dylan Bailey, Hope Bass & the Bass family, Bob Bazinet, Lucas Bech & the Bech family, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Kathy Branham, Donovan Cassellas & the Cassellas family, Majorie Cook, Sherry Crosby, Pete Dodd & the Dodd Family, Billy and Diane Dove, Cathy Estes, Wesley Jones, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Paul Leitner, Frank Martin, Dr. Clyde McCants & the McCants Family, Jackie McDaniel, Debra Obert, Sherrill Perry, Joan and Martin Phipps & their family, Phil Pugh & the Pugh Family, Greg Robertson, Pastor Ben and Amy Rogers, Pastor Terry Roof & The Roof Family, Brooks Smith, Anne Stewart & the Stewart Family, Lana Swancey, Ford Sweeney, Toby Warpole, unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

**OFFICE HOURS: M, T, & TH (9a-5p)W (9a-12p) | VISITATION HOURS: W (1-5p)**

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