

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Welcome Centers located at our two main entrances, or at the Visitor Center in Fellowship Hall.

**Easter Again** Everyone around you is celebrating this joyful season. But in your life, it is still Lent. Will you ever overcome these feelings of pain and sorrow? To find out if a Stephen Minister is what you need, please contact Gee-Gee Smith (520- 395-8651), or Rev. Phillips (520- 625-5023).

**The Last Supper by Da Vinci:** In preparation for our living presentation of Da Vinci's Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (April 13), a jigsaw puzzle of Da Vinci's painting is in Classroom 1. Drop by and put in some puzzle pieces.

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:** Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. We welcome you to this lively discussion of Scripture, that brings an understanding of what God is all about. God speaks to us now as he did in the beginning, and he IS an Awesome God! We begin with conversation and prayer for those who are in our thoughts. Coffee and cookies are available. At 8:45 a.m., we begin our lesson. This week we observe Palm Sunday and talk about God's Saving Love in Christ. Scripture: John 3:1-16.

**Cardio Drumming** continues on Tuesday, April 11th at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This class will work on stress, cardio, and may just improve your balance. Come and join our Parish Nurse for fun and exercise!

## HOLY WEEK

### WORSHIP WITH US



**April 13, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday**  
Living Last Supper - Re-enactment

**April 14, 12:00 p.m. - Good Friday**  
Into the Darkness  
Rev. Mark A. Medina

**April 16, 6:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise**  
We don't know where they have put him!  
Rev. Paul Phillips

**April 16, 9:00 a.m. - Easter Service at La Joya, La Posada**  
Rev. Diane Christopher

**April 16, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. - Easter Services**  
Jesus: Death to New Life  
Rev. Mark A. Medina



### Thank you to our volunteers!

**Coffee Fellowship**

Barbara Dittmer, Mary Horn,  
Sue & Mark Horton,  
Dave & Judy Roberts

**Medical Team**

Marvin Clark

**Owl Express**

John Agner, Clayton Messelt

**Information Table**

Dick & Jenny VanTreese

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

Tesh Hanson, Virginia Crook

**Flowers given by:** Jean Hein

In loving memory of Marvin Hein.



**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these**  
**Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**

Leanna Pietzsch	March 16
Myra Williams	March 30



**Women's Ministries:** We are preparing our penultimate Gathering on April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Julia and Lois Circles are hosting. Our speaker is Bob Henslinga from Aviva Children's Services. Bob will be sharing how they serve children and families, and ways we can get involved. For our Presby Gift, we will be collecting gently used children's clothing, and *new* underwear and socks, sizes 2—14, for boys & girls. At 1:00 p.m., we will have the Yada Yada Prayer Group book review on Book 6, The Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Rolling. Reservations for the luncheon can be made at the Women's Ministries table in Charter Hall on Sunday, April 9th and April 16th.



Each Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., *The Source* offers a unique experience of worship in the Spiritual Life Center.  
*Enter the church using the door by the fountain.*

Wednesday, April 12 - Awaken  
An uplifting prayer service with a focus on Gods Word; incorporating pastoral reflections, prayer, and music.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*  
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

9:30 a.m. April 9, 2017

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and death into triumph.  
Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of righteousness, that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens of your holy realm. Amen.

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Phillips  
*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**PRELUDE** Ellen Lorenz  
*Fantasy on "Westminster"*  
\*Valley Ringers

**PROCESSIONAL 89** Ellacombe  
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Medina  
Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16 NRSV  
*Leader: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.*

**People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**  
*Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

**People: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**  
*Leader: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

**People: But I trust in you, O LORD;**  
*Leader: I say, "You are my God."*  
**All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Let us worship the God who embraces us with everlasting arms.**

✦ **HYMN 88** Valet Will Ich Dir Geben  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION** Rev. Christopher

✦ *Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Re: Worship

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotions of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises. Hear us now, O God, as we lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 2013

Bless the Lord

Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

ANTHEM

Sing Hosanna, Sing!

Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir; Valley Ringers

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, lift your voices let them ring! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Open wide the gates of Jerusalem, lift his banner high forevermore. Sing as he rides through the streets in majesty, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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YOUTH CHAT

Immediately following the message, youth in grades 1-6 will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Elder Katie Sayre

John 12:12-19 (Pew Bible p. 1671)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Luke 23:43-47 (Pew Bible p. 1641)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Reaching the End of Life: It is Finished" Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN 76 My Song Is Love Unknown Love Unknown

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.

OFFERTORY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Ronald Kauffman Valley Ringers

✦DOXOLOGY 592 Old One Hundredth 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.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦HYMN 148 At the Name of Jesus King's Weston

✦BENEDICTION Please greet one another as the Pastors and Choir exit the Sanctuary

✦POSTLUDE Postlude in F Donald Moore OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

\*The Valley Ringers, directed by Joel Pierce, play the second Sunday of the month from October through April. Today will be the last Sunday they will share their talents before taking a summer break. We thank you for all your beautiful music and look forward to your return in the Fall!

Easter Lilies: Would you like to dedicate one or more? Sign-up sheets will be at the Information Table today.

Grief Support Workshop: A new Grief Support Workshop is being offered, May 3rd through May 31st. There are five classes, meeting on consecutive Wednesdays, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Workshop is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please enroll through the church office, 625-5023. Facilitators will be Rev. Phillips and Jeannie North, BSN, MC.

Easter Egg Hunt! All kids, get ready for the Easter egg hunts after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Easter services next Sunday in Classroom 1. Kids in the nursery will have their Egg Hunt during the Worship services.

Patio Sale: There will be a Patio Sale sort on Thursday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Scripture Readings:

John 12:12-19 (NIV)

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Luke 23:43-47 (NIV)

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."

Notes:

Four horizontal lines for taking notes.