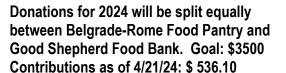
April 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome Guests! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

The asterisk (*) Indicates to please stand, if you are able.

Gathering







Belgrade-Rome Food Pantry and Good Shepherd Food Bank

Finding Our Quiet Center - Prelude

Hymn: Surely the Presence of the Lord #328 (UMH)

Opening Prayer

Lay Leader

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

* Call to Worship

Lay Leader

One: As the weak realize their strength, as the poor eat and are

satisfied,

Many: God's love abides in us.

One: As the stranger finds a friend, as loved ones offer forgiveness,

Many: God's love abides in us.

One: As the ends of the earth come to know Christ's grace,

Many: God's love abides in us.

One: Love God. Love one another, my friends.

Many: For God is love in us.

*Hymn: Bind Us Together #2226 (TFWS)

Our Time of Prayer

Pastor Eleanor

We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us.

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.

Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: "Joy in the Morning"

Performed by Our Choir

Doxology Hymn #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together)

Lay Leader
Loving God, bless these gifts we offer with love. Transform lives
with our ministries, that your people everywhere might know your
grace, abide in your love, and connect with Christ, in whose name
we give and love and pray. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Scripture:

OT Reading: Psalm 22:25-31 NRSV p. 501 Carol Johnson NT Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 NRSV p. 241 Pastor Eleanor

May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word.

Response: Amen

Morning Message: "Love God. Love One Another." Pastor Eleanor

*Hymn: Pass It On #572 (UMH)

Time of Joys & Celebrations

Benediction

Postlude – "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431 (UMH) Please remain seated.

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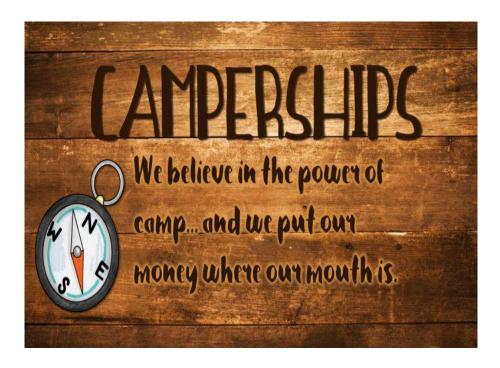
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- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Pastor: Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth
Lay Leader: Carol Johnson
Choir Director: Don Petersen

Pianist/Organist: Gwen Chase **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens **Office Support Ministry:** Deb Hebert – Welcome, Deb!

Flowers today are given to the glory of God, and with thanks for the office assistance generously provided by Gwen and Carol in a time of transition.



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Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...