

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

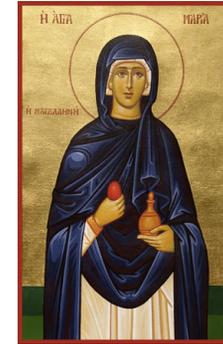
{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Brent Monroe and family, JJ and Lindsay, Neal Furguson, Colburn Dize, the family of Jack Little, Jim Kay, Alex and Melva Slonin, Jamie and Lanier May. Here, per your request, we publish a list. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: April 6. Join in prayer and lunch thereafter, if you'd like, at Westminster Canterbury (1600 Westbrook Ave.). We gather at 11:30 in the 6th floor common room.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“Sometimes I wondered if I had any faith. I sat down and thought about it. And when I had had enough of that I got up and went on my way. And that—the getting up and going—was faith.”

M.J. Irion

April 5, 2015

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On the Front: *Mary Magdalene is painted in iconography holding the red egg once presented to Tiberius Caesar, which she used to explain the mystery of Christ rising from a sealed tomb.*

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Matthew 28).

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Anthem *Then Came the Morning*

Greeting

Because it promises, that all will be made well.
Because death loses, hope triumphs, and life and love prevail,
Let resurrection ring!

Words of Welcome

*Hymn *Sing With All the Saints in Glory* 702 UMH

Prayer

Anthem *Hey Now!*

Proclamation

First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Time with Children

*Gospel Lesson *Mark 16:1-8*

Sermon *Rev. Rachel G. May*

Prayer

You asked for my hands that I might use them for your purpose:
I gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice:
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty:
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life that you might work through me:
I gave a small part; that I might not get "too involved".

**Holy One, forgive us our calculated efforts to serve you
only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

Renew us, empower us, to be usable instruments
that we may take seriously the meaning of your call in our lives.

FROM A PRAYER BY JOE SEREMANE, SOUTH AFRICA

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord's Supper

You are invited to offer tithes and gifts as you come forward to receive the sacrament by intinction. Please join in singing these hymns as we celebrate:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

{continuing on 364 UMH}

Prayer

Eternal God,
**Make this holy meal to be our strength and our courage;
for the sake of those who need us to be who you call us to be. Amen.**

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Go to the World* Insert

*Benediction

A FLORAL TRIBUTE

Hydrangeas are given

Celebrating and Remembering:

Hannah, Harley & Cooper
by Mimi & Grandpa

Mom & Dad, Pop & Eric
by Mark & Karen Suter

Matt, Sherry, Max
& their new home

Rachel

Ruth Magee
by Boulevard UMC

Celine Long
by Matt & Sherry Hannay

Alex, Lauren
& their new home

All who may otherwise be
forgotten in our community



Lilies are given

Celebrating and Remembering:

My Aunts, Uncle, and Cousins
by Dale Monroe

Jim & Teresa Hammack
by Dale & Ed

Ellamae Pomplun
by Nancy Pomplun

Barbara L. McGhee
by David Smith

Benjamin Lewis May
by his sister

Ann & Fred Monroe
by Dale & George

Skylar Waldrop
by Dale & Boulevard UMC



Contributions to The Worship Fund Celebrate:

Rachel

Friends & Loved Ones
by Elaine Kennedy

The Life of Jesus

Thank-you. And to God, be the glory.

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. ⁷Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.