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Sunday Service Bulletin

April 7, 2024

We Walk in the Light

How Shall We Live Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P - Pastor. Bold - C: Congregation responds ****

P: How shall we live when shadows gather?

C: Drawn to God's unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another's presence.

P: What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

C: When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.

ALL: Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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.

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Opening Hymn – I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light p. 206
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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - (prayed in unison)

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!

Offering - Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 133 (CEB)

¹ Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one! ² It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard— Aaron's beard!— which extended over the collar of his robes. ³ It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

Hymn – This Is My Father's World p. 144 UMH

Gospel Reading – 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 (CEB)

¹ We announce to you what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have seen and our hands handled, about the word of life. ² The life was revealed, and we have seen, and we testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to

us. ³ What we have seen and heard, we also announce it to you so that you can have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy can be complete. ⁵ This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: “God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.” ⁶ If we claim, “We have fellowship with him,” and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. ⁷ But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. ⁸ If we claim, “We don’t have any sin,” we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we’ve done wrong. ¹⁰ If we claim, “We have never sinned,” we make him a liar and his word is not in us. ² My little children, I’m writing these things to you so that you don’t sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. ² He is God’s way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

Sermon – We Walk In The Light

Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II

Closing Hymn – My Hope Is Built p. 368 UMH

Benediction & Commission – Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

Announcements

- Thanks to Frances V. Gough for providing the palm branches which were placed on the Living Cross on Palm Sunday and for the fresh flowers which we placed on the Living Cross on Easter Sunday.
- Thanks go to Faye Seats for coordinating the purchase and arrangement of our beautiful Easter Lilies on display Easter Sunday, and for her work decorating the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Gail Faircloth by Judy & Mike Williard, Cameron & John Hogg, Peter & Silas Hogg, and Margaret Pilcher.
- Two changes to make in the Church Directory are listed below. If you know of others, please let Faye Seats know.
 - Change the zip code for Frances Sisk to 27516.
 - Add a cell phone number for Randy Edwards - 336-200-2840.

- The UUMC Administrative Board will meet at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 10th in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Jenny Davis

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

The Family of Margaret Pilcher

Frances Sisk

Eleanor Thompson

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Glenna Culler

Joe Dean

Randy DePew

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Joanne Everhart

Mary & Francis File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Gail Howard

Randy Hunter

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Matt McKnight

Mark Megela

Marie Parrish

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Pevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

April Birthdays

Wesley McBride	1	Ronnie Southern	26
John Seats	4	Brad Collins	27
Ralph Minder	7	Sadie Disher	27
Susie Seats-Edwards	9	Annabel Mark	28
Jeremy Gearheart	10	Autumn Atkinson	28
Caroline Burton	11	Hugh McBride	30
Bradley Thompson	21	Faye Seats	30