

April 14, 2024

Native American Ministries Sunday



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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Sunday Worship Service

April 14, 2024

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Arr. J. Matthews

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Ream

Leader: We are called to be God’s children.

People: God’s love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

People: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. AMEN.

Leader: Pray with me John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer:

People: “Lord, I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. 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 your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

*OPENING HYMN 140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*CALL TO CONFESSION (Acts 3)

Jill Rhinehart

Turn to God. If your heart is heavy, invite Christ to lighten the load. If your heart is hardened, invite the Spirit to soften and change you. Truly, we all need to receive God’s grace and to heed Christ’s call.

*PRAYER OF YEARNING (Acts 3, Psalm 4)

Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength. Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives. Comfort us in our distress and pour your grace into our lives. Redeem us with your love, that we might rise with Christ, newborn and vibrantly alive. Grant us the confidence to witness to your life-giving love. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Acts 3, Psalm 4)

Jill Rhinehart

God fills our hearts with joy and covers our lives with grace. Rest in this truth and be at peace. All is well and all will be well.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Arr. John Ness Beck

MINISTRY MOMENT

Loring McIntyre (8:30 am)

Debbie Ross (11:00 am)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ringing God’s Praise

“Meditations On the Cross”

M. Helman

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3: 1 - 7
(NRSV New Testament page 238-239)

MESSAGE

“Called Children of God”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS

Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY

“Hymn to Joy”

Arr. K. McChesney

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN 310

“He Lives”

SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

“My Tribute”

Arr. J. Matthews

*Our service of worship has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

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Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar - are dedicated to the glory of God and given by **Pam Rogalski** in loving memory of **Raymond John Rogalski**; husband, father & Papa.

Sunday’s Ushers - Thank you to our Ushers! (8:30) **Tim Kilmer, Stan Boyd (steward)** (11:00) **Mike Lamb, Fred Bailey (steward), Bob Barcafer, Jerry Kirschner**

Meeting Reminders:

- **Miriam Circle** - will meet this **Tuesday, April 16 at 3pm** in Asbury Lobby.
- **Sarah Circle** - will meet this **Wednesday, April 17 at 10:25am** in the front parking lot.

Tailgate Market - the Tailgate Market is back and better than ever! Resuming their spot in our front parking lot, the Tailgate Market will be in business **every Friday** from **3 to 6pm**. Come on out to see everything from local produce to art and music!

Blessing Box Sunday - Next Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our Blessing Box Sunday once again! We sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations. Some helpful suggestions: granola bars, canned goods (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.), snack crackers, fruit/applesauce cups, small boxes of raisins, travel size hygiene products (i.e. deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste).

Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser - Our youth will be hosting a fundraiser for their summer mission projects next **Sunday, April 21**, following the 11 O’clock worship service. Come support our youth and their dedication to our church and the community!

Spring Concert Series - The third and final concert for this series will be on **Sunday, April 28, at 3pm**. This concert will feature Bill Ross and Kevin Bryant as a brass and organ duo. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and will go to the church.

Medicare 101: The Basics - The Council on Aging of Buncombe County is offering this **free** presentation to explain Medicare enrollment, costs, coverage for 2024 and answer questions you may have regarding this insurance option. The event will be on **Monday, April 29, from 6 to 7pm** in Asbury Hall. Call **828-277-8288 ext. 1304** to RSVP today!

Donate Online - You can now donate to our Facilities and Operations Funds directly online: www.groceumc.org. Simply go to our website, hover over the ‘Give’ tab, select the fund of your choice, and enter your card information. Simple and easy! As always, we thank you for your continued support of Groce UMC.