

*Welcome To Worship*  
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
8:15 am Chapel Service  
April 14, 2024

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Childs

\*PRAISE

“Christ Is Alive”

Hymnal 318

CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Humphrey

Come! Let us worship our living God!

**Let us glorify our provider and our protector!**

For he has promised to rescue those who love Him and protect those who trust in his name.

**He has promised to answer when we call upon Him, to be with us in trouble and rescue and honor us.**

He has promised to reward us with long lives and give us his salvation

**All praise, honor and glory be to You, o gracious Lord! Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 36b-48 (P. 965)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR SOCIAL CREED

**We believe in God, Creator of the world, and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.**

**We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.**

**We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.**

**We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.**

**We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.**

*(It is recommended that this statement of Social Principles be continually available to United Methodist Christians and that it be emphasized regularly in every congregation. It is further recommended that “Our Social Creed” be frequently used in Sunday worship.)* From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2016. © 2016 by The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.

MESSAGE

“Open Minds”

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward for communion and take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice. If you are unable to come forward communion will be brought to you.*

#### OFFERING

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we return a portion, of what you have provided us, to your church, and dedicate it to be used toward bringing your kingdom to this earth. Amen**

##### \*BENEDICTION

Bold Print: Congregation Responds \* Stand as you are able

**Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ. Mt Carmel Mission Statement**

## **MEN'S GROUP APRIL MEETING | APRIL 20 | 8AM**

All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship on April 20 in the Great Room. After the meeting, the men will go to clean along Route 144 for our Adopt-A-Highway program.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | APRIL 24**

If you have any information or pictures you would like to submit for the next SUMMIT, our church newsletter, please send them to Donna in the church office by April 24.

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR TIM AND FRAN KLINEDINST | APRIL 28 at 1PM | PINECLIFF PARK**

The family of Tim and Fran is inviting everyone to attend this celebration of life for these special friends. If you would like to bring a dessert, there is a sign-up sheet in the first-floor Gathering Hall.

## **CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Care Team will be mailing a "Final Exams Survival Kit" Care Package to 22 college students preparing for their spring testing and our identified active military personnel. A collection bin will be in the first-floor Gathering Hall April 14-21 to drop off your donations. We are seeking donations for the following items: Band-aids, Kit Kat bars, Pen, Pencils, Erasers, Paper Clips, Tea Bags, Mints, Snickers, Starbursts, Peanuts, Smiley Face stickers, and Chocolate Kisses.

## **GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Let us be in prayer for the delegates to the General Conference of the UMC meeting on April 23-May 3. They will be deliberating and deciding on the future of the church for the next 4 years till they meet again. You can read more about it on the General Conference website ([resourceumc.org](http://resourceumc.org).) What is a General Conference? Anyone who has questions or concerns is asked to call or email Pastor Jeff. If there is enough interest, he will plan a time for people to get together either at 7pm on Tuesday, April 16, or at 7:30pm Thursday, April 18.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT**

Our middle school Sunday school will be making bags to hand out to people without housing. Below is a list of items they will be including. A box is in the first-floor Gathering Hall. The collection will run through April 28. *Bottled water, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wash cloths, shampoo, travel size toiletries, hand sanitizer, non-melting individually wrapped (sweet and/or healthy)snacks, small candies, Gallon Ziplock Bags.*

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:30-10:30AM:** Children meet in the large classroom on the first floor

**11AM:** Children begin the worship service and are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message.

### **WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

*All groups will meet in the first-floor Conference Room unless otherwise noted.*

**SUNDAY:** 9:30-10:30AM: "Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor"

**SUNDAY:** 10:30AM-NOON: Study on the Sunday scripture.

**MONDAY:** 9AM: Women's Small Group (Study on the Sunday scripture)

**TUESDAY:** 11AM Book of Mark Study at the Spring Ridge Sr. Apartments

**WEDNESDAY:** 7PM Book of Mark Study via Zoom

## **THIS WEEK AT MT CARMEL**

**Monday:** Bible Study (9am), Bell Choir (6:15pm), Choir (7:15pm)

**Tuesday:** Bible Study at SR Apartments (11am), Praise Team (6:30pm),

**Wednesday:** Zoom Bible Study (7pm)

**Thursday:** Church Council (6:30pm)

**Saturday:** Men's Group (8am), Worship Team (9:30am)

### **APRIL 7 NUMBERS:**

**SERVICE ATTENDANCE:** 58

Facebook: 5 YouTube: 8

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children/Youth: 2

**ADULT STUDIES:** Weekday: 15 Zoom: 5

**GIVING:** General Fund: 6266.82

Building Fund: 150.69

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