



**April 19, 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
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## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

**People: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.**

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

**People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah!**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

### **HYMN**

*"God is Here!"*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **THE WORD IN MUSIC**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24:13-35

**SERMON**

*"On the Road Again!"*

**HYMN**

*"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

**MISSION MOMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led discernment, and generous love. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: Christ has brought us together: together in faith, together in hope, together in love.

**People: We have gathered together to be sent out again: sent out with the welcome message of God's love!**

Leader: We go forth together,

**People: to be living testimonies of Christ's love! Amen!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 19, 2026

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Livestream is at [www.facebook.com/eucevalleycity/live](http://www.facebook.com/eucevalleycity/live)

### **RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Attendance: 48 Online: 5

Offering: \$2,613.00 Roof: \$6,300.00 Church Bank: \$20.60

**CHURCH BANK** – If you wish to express a joy or concern for Church Bank, we ask you write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week each joy or concern will be posted on the slides before church.

**OFFICE HOURS-** Tuesday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tamara works from home on Wednesdays. If you need to contact her, email at [emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net](mailto:emmanuccvlycty@zoominternet.net).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are given by Sara Paine. Happy birthday to all April birthdays!

**MISSIONS-** Our food pantry donations continue.

**BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER-** Please wear blue on our Blue Sunday Day of Prayer on April 26<sup>th</sup> to show your support for the Children's Center of Medina's prevent child abuse campaign. We will plant a pinwheel garden that day.

**EARTH DAY-**Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. Join Chris Hawk that evening to celebrate Earth Day by picking up trash along Route 303 near the church. No sign-up is needed. Just meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Earth Day. Chris will have trash bags and pokey sticks to get trash. You need to bring gloves. If you have any questions, call Chris at 217-722-0212.

**BOWLING DAY** will be Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at T&M Lanes in Brunswick. Please sign up at the activities table.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 at The Cracked Egg.

**COUNCIL MEETING-** will be Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT-** We will be having a game night on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All are welcome. See you then!

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY-** will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**COMMUNION SUNDAY** will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**JOINING CONGREGATION-** If you are interested in learning more about the UCC or joining our congregation, please see Pastor Rebekah.

**TIME CAPSULE-** We would like to start a time capsule to be opened on the occasion of EUCC's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you have something that you would like to donate please put it in the box in the narthex.

**ROOF-** Over the last year, a few temporary repairs have been made on our roof. It was brought to our attention that they will all need to be replaced. We are beginning with the sanctuary, which is in need of one soon. The estimated cost is \$16,000 just for the sanctuary. We are asking for support from our members to raise additional funds. We also ask this not to affect your regular Sunday offerings. We rely on those to support the budget. Place your donation in the offering plate and mark it "For Roof Repair". Thank you and blessings for your support.

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP:** The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or "just because" is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our flowers from ArKay Florist. The cost is \$24 per vase.

**PASTOR REBEKAH'S INFORMATION:** Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: [rarw1981@gmail.com](mailto:rarw1981@gmail.com). Her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-noon.

**KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER:** Jennifer Luf, Pastor John Baker, John Luf, Garver Family, Diane Scheutzow, Vicki Seeley, Janet Williams (sister of Peggy McMullen), Heather Tiefanhaler (McCullough's daughter), Kevin Schemrich( friend of Sally Hunter), Larry McDougall, Jim Schneider, Madison Scheutzow (Celeste's granddaughter), Darlene Alexander (Pam Nolan's cousin), Sara Perry (Pam Nolan's former student), Margery Flint, Caden Sustar (Marshall Cook's great-grandson), Melody Nolan (Doris' daughter-in-law), Dean Weinbroer (friend of Doris and Pam), Bill Nolan (Doris' son), Debi Sheffler, Stan Herron (Pam Nolan's friend), Sandy Estes, Gwen Ehrman (friend of Pam.)