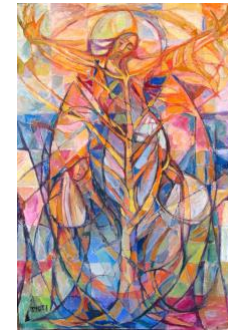


Boulevard United Methodist Church



“If this is dull, what in Heaven’s name, is worthy to be called exciting? The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused him of being a bore – on the contrary; they thought him too dynamic to be safe...He was emphatically not a dull man in his human lifetime, and if he was God, there can be nothing dull about God either.”

- Dorothy Sayers

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Easter Sunday
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Worship

Because death loses, and life and love prevail,
Let resurrection ring!

Hymn *Sing With All the Saints in Glory*

Time with Children

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Singing *Alleluia*

The Peace

Christ's peace within you,
Christ's peace behind you,
Christ's peace before you,
Christ's peace beside you,
Christ's peace to win you,
Christ's peace to comfort and restore you.
Christ's peace be with you,
And also with you!

Scriptures John 1:35-39
John 20:1-18

Sermon "How It's Done" Rev. Rachel May

Singing *The Great Storm is Over*

Offering Tithes & Gifts

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

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 Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

John 1:35-42 (NRSV)

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

A FLORAL TRIBUTE

Hydrangeas are given

Celebrating and Remembering:

Mary Chewning
by Lindsey Baynham

Ed Gooch
by The Gooch Family

Gene & Jimmy May
by James W. May, Jr.

Benjamin Lewis May
by his sister



Lilies are given

Celebrating and Remembering:

Our Grandmothers:
Eleanor, Celine, & Grandma Hannay
by Matt & Sherry Hannay

Barbara G. Baynham
by Lindsey Baynham

Hugo & Gunther Abbot
by Steve Abbot



Contributions to The Worship Fund Celebrate:

The family of faith at Boulevard UMC
by The Gooches

My parents, Walter & Edythe Harlow
by Elaine Kennedy

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

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those grieving the loss of Ben Harmrick, Rex Pyle & Michelle Oblinsky, and Lillian Faith Ruark. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH with Ms. LaRonda begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). Guardians are invited to accompany infants - 5 year olds to the end of the hallway. They rejoin us for Communion.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE today is borrowed from the United Church of Canada and remembers Saint Patrick. In Christian community, signs of peace are often following a time of confession or prior to sharing the Lord's Supper. This morning, we pass the peace simply to celebrate what holds us together in our differences.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

THE LAND LAYS FALLOW this month. There is no April mission focus. You may be wondering what happens to money that is designated "mission" when we are not emphasizing a particular project. It is used in accordance with our definition of outreach (above). In other words: It's always usable!



HELPING WITH CLASSROOM and other needs here at Fox Elementary is something we want to do. If you can reach out to a handful of teachers as your schedule permits, or are up for acting on any leads you may already have on this front, speak with Rachel.