



Murray Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024 10am Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringling of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship: "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" (See Screen)

*Prayer of Approach

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

*Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory"

WC 251

Prayer of Confession

Most generous God, we confess that we have not made proper use of the wonderful gifts you have given us in the Risen Christ. We have not lived as people chosen before the foundations of the world and destined in love. We have not acted as redeemed and forgiven people. And, as a church, we have failed to perform as a body whose head is Christ and whose fullness is in him. Forgive us our failures, we pray; inspire us anew with the glory, power, and majesty of the one we serve; and make us live more worthily of your grace and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" WC 98

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon: "Easter People Are Empowered"
(*Easter People, pt. 2*)
Reverend William J. McConnell

*Hymn: "Jesus Paid it All" WC 489

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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

*Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" WC 95

***Benediction and Benediction Response**

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshiping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Announcements

SENCA Donation Theme for April: "Canned Veggies"

Our church's donation theme for the month of April is "Canned Veggies." We are asking for non-perishable items such as corn, green beans, carrots, and mixed vegetables. These items will then be donated to the SENCA food pantry in Plattsmouth which serves Cass County.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering envelopes are in the pew racks for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Proceeds from this special offering are divided, in roughly equal proportions, between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

New Member Preparation

Anyone who has been worshipping at Murray Presbyterian Church and would like to explore membership should see the pastor as soon as possible. If there is any interest, there will be a preparation process for new members during the Easter season.

Men's Retreat (May 17-18)

Join other men at the beautiful and restful Calvin Crest for an overnight event designed to bring you closer to God and refresh your spiritual experience. The event will feature music and worship by nationally known artist Bob Bennett and inspirational messages from the Rev. J. D. Georlett, pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church (Omaha). Register online at www.calvincrest.org/men. (Fees vary depending on the accommodations you choose.)

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