



Murray Presbyterian Church

*April 21, 2024 10am Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting One Another Ringing of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God who is rich in mercy

People: Who makes us alive when we are dead,

Leader: Who gives new life out of his great love for us:

People: Let us worship God.

*Chorus: "He Is Lord" (vv. 3-4)

WC 97

*Prayer of Approach

God of grace, you have come to us in Jesus Christ so that we might have a new life—here on earth and with each other. You seek that we surrender to your grace and have our lives completely changed—so that we might know new strength in you, so that we might love beyond frustrations, so that we might help and serve others as a witness to your power and grace. Be in all our days, for we pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen

*Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

WC 254

Prayer of Confession

God of life and death, we confess that sometimes we are not alive to the possibilities you offer. In the midst of pain, unfairness, and fear, we find little reason for hope. We feel despair or blame others, but we do not turn to you for help. Forgive us and show us how to share the new life you offer, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: "Gloria Patri"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: "Easter People Are Raised Up"
(*Easter People, pt. 3*)
Reverend William J. McConnell

*Hymn: "Lord, I Was Blind"

WC 499

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: "He Lives"

WC 248

***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.

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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