

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

*“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown  
with a Heart for Morgantown”*



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Native American Ministries Sunday

Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM

Children's Church 10:45AM

Sunday School 9:40AM



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Office Hours: Mon-Thur. 9am-1pm

(\*\*indicates to stand if able)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

**Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer  
God, as You lead us on this journey, may we faithfully follow  
the pathway of love and kindness built on Jesus Christ, the  
solid rock. Open our hearts to love everyone always. Open our  
minds to slow down and focus on Your will. Open our doors to  
welcome and share Christ's great commission, while making  
disciples of each of us. May we be led by You, putting You  
first in our lives and in all our endeavors. Amen.**

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LITURGIST

One: Christ the Lord is Risen today!

**All: Alleluia.**

One: We gather today, aware of the ways we continue  
to nail Christ to the cross.

**All: Forgive us, God.**

One: We gather today, celebrating the ministries of  
United Methodist Native Americans.

**All: We praise you, God.**

One: We gather today, prepared to participate  
in the restoration of relationships with all God's  
children.

**All: Restore us, God!**

One: We gather today trusting that the  
resurrection promise is for You, for Your  
children, and for everyone.

**All: We thank you, blessed Trinity.**

One: Christ the Lord is Risen today!

**All: Alleluia.**

**\*\*HYMN**

*Thine Be the Glory*

UM #308

1 Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where Thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets Thee,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt Thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without Thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,  
through Thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to Thy home above. (Refrain)

FIRST PRAYER

LITURGIST

Heavenly Creator, we gather on this third Sunday of Easter to celebrate Your resurrection promise. As we lift up the ministries of United Methodist Native Americans, open us to the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Give us a sense of connection with the fullness of Your church family. We celebrate the promises You keep to every generation. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

LITURGIST

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits

sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.<sup>5</sup> You know that He was revealed to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Because He Lives*

GAITHER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTOR

**\*\*GOSPEL READING**

**LUKE 24:36b-48**

PASTOR

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I, myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

Native American Witness

Pat Ryan

**\*\*HYMN**

*Be Thou, My Vision*

UM #451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3. Great God of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (on screen)

PASTOR

Every part of this earth is sacred.

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in  
the dark woods,**

**every clearing and humming insect is holy.**

The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people, all  
belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

**Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.**

**We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.**

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

**The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the air is precious, for  
all of us share the same breath.**

The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their  
last sigh.

**The wind gave our children the spirit of life.**

This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

**We belong to the earth.**

This we know, all things are connected.

**Like the blood which unites one family, all things are  
connected.**

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

**For we did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand  
in it.**

Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

**Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us.**

**Thanks be to God, the God of all.**

(INSPIRED BY ORATION OF CHIEF SEATTLE, NATIVE AMERICAN, U.S.A., 19TH CENT.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eldon Callen, CLM

We believe in God who created us, who loves us and makes us  
whole.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, whose death and resurrection is our salvation and our example. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who calls us to abundant life. Amen.

*(Short Statement of Faith from the Uniting Church of Australia)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (on Screen) Eldon Callen, CLM

**O Great Spirit (Most Awesome of the Awesome), whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before You as Your children.**

**We are small and weak; we need Your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things You have made, our ears be sharp to hear Your voice. Make us wise,**

**so that we may know the things You have taught Your people,**

**the lessons You have hidden in every leaf and rock.**

**We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters,**

**but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of Your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to You, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to You without shame. Amen.**

(TRADITIONAL

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER)

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

INVITATION TO GIVE

Eldon Callen, CLM

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

UM #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
praise him all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eldon Callen, CLM

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which You have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources You've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for You and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen. (Discipleship Ministries)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM #895

PASTOR

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

\*\*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UM # 140

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Continue to share the stories of peace, listen to one another, and live into grace of the Resurrection.

BLESSING

PASTOR

“A Cheyenne Prayer for Peace”

Let us know peace.

For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun shall shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,  
Let us know peace.

Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Because we are sent forth in the love, power, and grace of the resurrection. Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

**Post-Service Refreshments** *Thank you Bonnie*

**Altar Flowers**

*In Honor of our son, Christopher Taylor, for his 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday- Kevin & Cindy*

**Radio Broadcast**

*In Honor of the Chancel Choir- Marguerite Bostonia*

**How to Give Online:** [www.givelify.com/givers/](http://www.givelify.com/givers/)

**THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, April 14	Worship & Christian Formation	
Monday, April 15	Trustees meeting	7PM
Wednes. April 17	Scotts Run Backpack	9:30AM
	Bible Study	11AM
	Prayer Mtg. ZOOM	6PM
Thursday, April 18	Chair Yoga	10AM
	Choir	7PM
Saturday, April 20	Circle of Friends	4PM