

SONORA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 Worship

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

PASTOR'S WELCOME

God is Good – **ALL THE TIME!**
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WELCOME TO ALL - Please be sure to sign the attendance register located in each pew.

If you are a visitor, please provide your mailing address so that we may send you a personal letter of welcome.

To reach Pastor Mark Brechin, please call (830) 931-1440.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*HYMN OF JOY

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

TFWS 2158

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 882

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OFFERING

USHERS and ACOLYTES

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Mark

Note: Children will be on Facebook Live during Children's Time.

CENTERING SONG

“He Is Lord”

UMH 177

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-35

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

WITNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Pastor Mark

“Power of Faith”

HYMN OF FAITH

“Because He Lives”

Joy Galbreath & Jessie Kerbow

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We gather not because of what we have done but because of Jesus Christ. Acknowledging that we have all fallen short of the glory of God, let us renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness and repent of our sin.

We acknowledge that we are burdened by our own brokenness and the brokenness of the world. Forgive us of those times when we have allowed that brokenness to enter into our relationship with You and with our neighbors. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LORD, by your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

You are encouraged to consider God's calling upon your life. Should you desire to answer that call through membership in this congregation, please come forward as we sing...

*HYMN OF INVITATION "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 557

*BENEDICTION Pastor Mark

*Stand, as able UMH – United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing
Carol Love, Lay Leader Rev. Mark Brechin, Pastor
Judy Friess, Pianist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 7-13
(FUMC Events in Bold)

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Includes icons for email, website, Facebook, and phone. Events include Youth Group, Methodist Day School, Golf, Softball, Luncheon, Bible Study, and various contests.

LOOKING AHEAD:

4/14 Guest Preacher – Leigh Lloyd
Sun

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
APRIL:

- Brooks Thorp - 8th
Francis Ross - 9th
Vera Love - 9th
Shirley Payton - 9th
Sue Wamble - 10th
Ladonna Wardlaw - 13th



LONG-TERM
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Turney Friess
Bettye Hardegree
Linda Johnson
Jean Redman
Cynthia Ward
Joey Asher