

## Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND**  
**Love, Hope, a place to Belong**

***Pastor Carolyn Westlake***  
***April 8, 2018 2nd Sunday of Easter***  
**UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)**  
(\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection**

***Alleluia***

**Pianist: Joel Blair**

**\*\*Hymn #328 (UMH)**

***Surely the Presence of the Lord***

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Bill Brueck**

L: This is the day to walk in the light.

**P: This is the day to share signs of peace.**

L: This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

**P: This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.**

L: Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

**\*\*Hymn #384 (UMH)**

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

**Children's Sermon**

**Dean Murray**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Choir**

***There is a Longing***

**Scriptures:**

**John 20:19-31**

**Hymn #2196 (FWS)**

***We Walk By Faith***

**Message**

***Eternal Life***

***Bill Brueck***

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

**\*\*Doxology**

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

**\*\*Offertory Prayer**

God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people's worth is often tied to their wealth. You have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help those in need and to live together as the family of God. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn #307 (UMH)**

***Christ Is Risen***

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Prayer for Living Expectantly**

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

## PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Carolyn's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings at the church office. To contact Pastor Carolyn, please call: Office 507-356-4553, cell 507-208-5842 or [pastorc@bevcomm.net](mailto:pastorc@bevcomm.net). Feel free to call her cell number if you can't reach her at the Church Office.
- **Pastor Carolyn** out of town from April 7-12. Pastoral Emergency please contact Pastor Dave Neal at 696-3386.
- **Mission Box Mission Box** for April is looking for volunteers. Over the years, our Flowers for Friends program has been something many people look forward to; we are asking this year for volunteers to help with the Flowers for Friends program.
- **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for April is Boxed Potatoes.
- **Easter & Lent Offering** designation goes to Ministerial, Apportionments and Family Promise.
- **Pine Island Auxiliary** will be having their *Annual Salad Luncheon* on Monday, April 9, at the Pine Island American Legion. Serving 11am—1pm. Assorted salads, meatballs & rolls. The cost is \$10.
- **Blood Drive** Monday, April 16 from 1-7pm at the Pine Island American Legion.
- **Lunch Bunch** be at Red Lobster in Rochester, April 29 at 11:30am.
- **May Buffett** this year is on May 10, at 6pm. The program this year is "The Adventures of Ghost Hunting: Things that go BUMP in the night." Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship.
- **Pie Auction:** This year's annual "Pie Auction" will be held on Sunday, May 22 starting at 10:30am. Donations of pies are welcome.