

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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OFFERTORY *Stay with Us*
+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 94

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Penny M.*

God of the Living Christ, in every moment, you are near to us. You offer freely from your wondrous bounty, and you continually renew your commitment to journey with us along life's many ways. In response to your presence, and with gratitude for all we have received, we dedicate these gifts, trusting that by your life-giving power, they will bring healing comfort to those in need. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN *Walk with Me (X2-refrain only)* TFWS # 2242

JOYS & CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

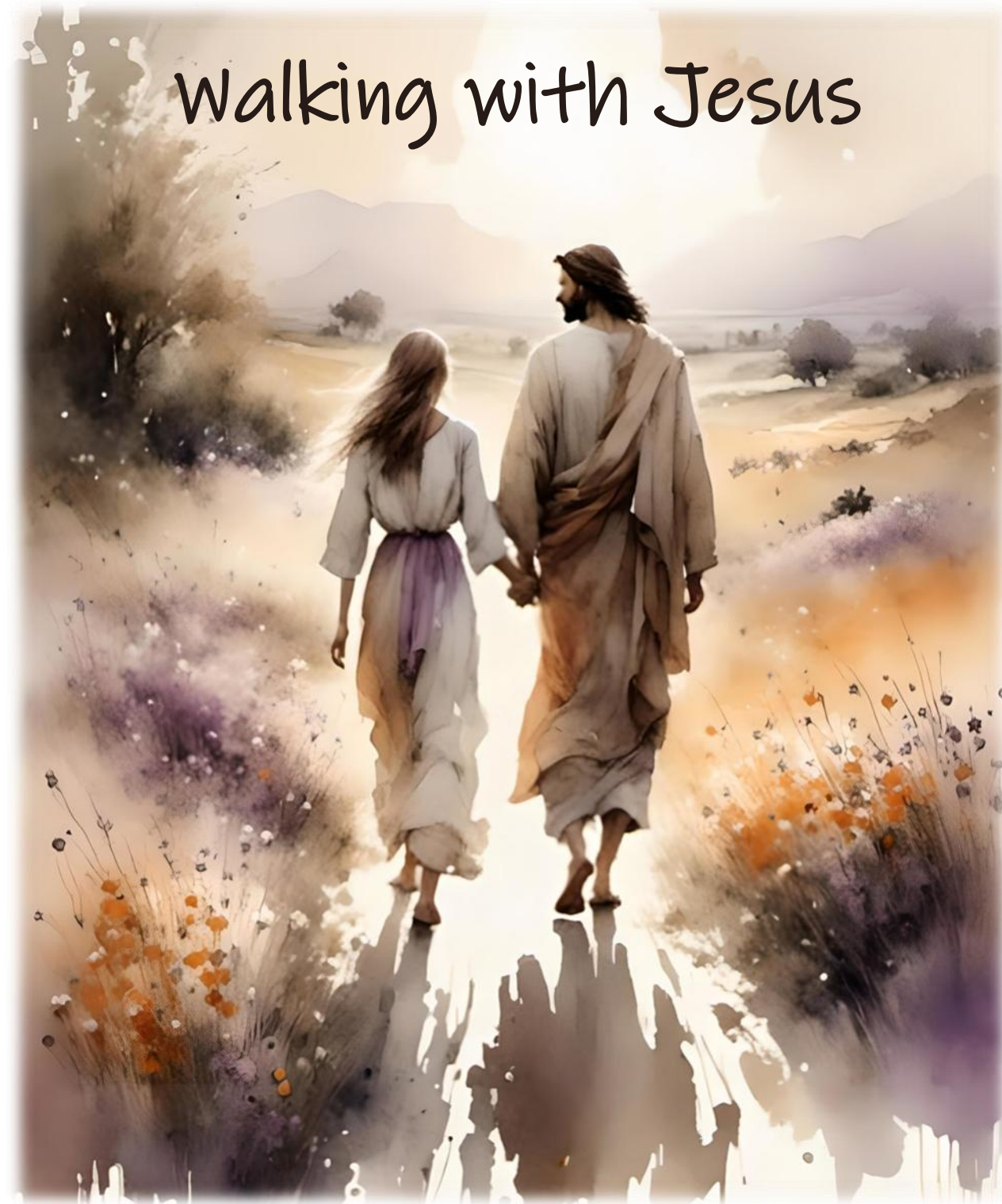
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Doug*

+CLOSING HYMN *In the Unity We Lift Our Song* TFWS # 2221

+BENEDICTION *Pastor Doug*

POSTLUDE *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



Walking with Jesus

3rd Sunday of Easter

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | Christ Beside Me*

GREETING & WELCOME *Pastor Doug*

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON) *Pastor Doug*
God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Isabella S.*

Isabella: Out of the wonder of Easter, out of our uncertainty and our confusion,

All: we are called to be curious, open to One who never leaves us behind.

Isabella: Throughout the journey of life, in every person we meet along the way,

All: we have the opportunity to encounter Christ, to remember God's promise.

Isabella: As resurrection people, we share the story, growing in our relationships,

All: gaining new understanding and drawing closer to one another in love.

+OPENING HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* UMH # 111

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Isabella S.*

God of Love, from the beginning, you have been making yourself known through your ongoing acts of creative wonder and your faithful presence with your people, generation to generation. In Christ, you entered our existence, shared our joys and sorrows, and proved death is not the end of the story. Even now, you come alongside, offering what we need to grow more deeply in you. And yet, we do not always recognize it. Our vision is clouded; our hearts are weighed down. We are caught up in so many things, and we struggle to see the possibilities of what you are doing. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone in life's journey. Speak your peace and assurance to our troubled spirits, your hope to our weary souls. Rekindle your fire within us, that we may be strengthened by its warmth and inspired to share, not only with each other, but with all your beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

+GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35 *Isabella S.*

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" ¹⁹ He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him." ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. ²⁶ Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. ²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?" ³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

SERMON **"Walking with Jesus"** *Pastor Doug*
Growing more deeply in relationship and understanding

HYMN *On the Day of Resurrection* UMH # 309

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Penny M.*

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/-8OQUKlzbPU>

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Craig J.**, who is recovering well from surgery and hopes to go home soon.
- For the safe return of **Karalee and Don L.** from their time away this winter.
- For **Denise** (*friend of Mary E.*) whose birthday is in April.

CONCERNS:

- For **Laura** (*friend of Rebecca and Jeff N.*) who is "candidating" at a new church.
- For **Ann-Marie** (*mother of Rebecca and Jeff's daughter-in-law*), who is struggling with health issues.
- For **Jenny S.** (*friend of Pastor Doug's mother*), who was hospitalized Apr.9, and since has returned home.

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

OTHERS:

- For our siblings in Christ of the **Orthodox traditions** who celebrated Easter on Sunday (Apr.12).
- For the astronauts of the **Artemis II** mission, who made it back safely from the moon.
- For the people of **Ukraine, Lebanon, Iran**, and elsewhere suffering from foreign attacks.

This week, we saw God "breaking through" ...

- ...in the bright colors of the different birds at the feeder. (*Rebecca N.*)
-in teachers, students, others sharing their talents in the musical. (*Karalee L.*)
- ... in the safe return of the Artemis II astronauts. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in the robins that are flying around everywhere. (*Mary E.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL'S NOISY CAN

2026 WI UMC INGATHERING

Each year at Annual Conference, churches are asked to donate items and/or money to assist people in need (including those affected by war or disaster.)

Wisconsin Conference Mission Motivation Committee will be collecting specific items for *Personal Dignity Kits* and *Home Care Kits* on behalf of Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). These kits will be distributed locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during time of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Our April Noisy Can collection will go to support this important outreach of our conference. The funds will be used by Midwest Mission to purchase specific supplies for the kits and to help fund shipping them to where they are most needed.

Upcoming April Birthdays

19: Marilyn S.-K.

19: Kristin V.

20: Dorothy D.

22: Penny M.



Wednesday, April 29th

11 AM

@ United Way, 612 Blodgett St

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to help pack food for weekend backpacks for kids who don't have access to food/enough food @ home.

SOUP OR SOCKS VOLUNTEERS

You Are Invited
to the spring
volunteer lunch

Wednesday, April 22nd
at 11 o'clock

All Soup or Socks
Volunteers
Welcome

Sandwiches and
Salads

SOUP OR SOCKS

Wesley UMC's next SOS
Food Pantry volunteer
shifts are:

Monday, May 4

12:30-3:30 PM

Wednesday, May 6

12:30-3:30 PM

Friday, May 8

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Please see Jackie if you
are able to volunteer.
New volunteers are
always welcomed:)

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER