

A worship bulletin
for the Fourth Sunday in Easter, May 3, 2020
with Barboursville First UMC

Join us **online** at Facebook.com/FUMCWV
(no services will be live on-site)

WORSHIP SERVICE at 11am
and then available for viewing afterwards

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...to share the love of God with people in a hurting world...

May 3, 2020 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Easter
Native American Ministries Special Offering

We Gather For Worship

WELCOME:

Greetings in the name of the One who came that we might have life to the full: Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior, Redeemer, Resurrected One!

We welcome you to the service today, and pray that you experience the loving and active presence of God in our midst this morning.

Please join us online live at 11am (www.Facebook.com/FUMCWV) or later at the same site. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the service in the afternoon.

During this time of social distancing, we are not celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion, but we will today observe the “**Love Feast**,” breaking bread together even while we are apart. If you would like to participate in today’s Love Feast, **we invite you to prepare for worship** by setting before you something to eat and drink: it could be as simple as a cracker or a bit of bread, and a glass of water or juice.

We invite you to share a picture of your home worship space as well!

Handbell Prelude:

Alleluia Ringers

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42

NRSV

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ✨

Hymn

“All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

UMH554

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: Sylvanus B. Pond, 1836

1. All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.
2. He bids us build each other up; and, gathered in to one, to our high calling’s glorious hop we hand in hand go on.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-43

NRSV

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3. The gift which he on one bestows, we all delight to prove,
the grace through every vessel flows in purest streams of love.
4. E'en now we think and speak the same, and cordially agree,
concentered all through Jesus' name, in perfect harmony.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

NRSV

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. ✠

Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH618

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42) MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual ; adapt, and arr. William Farley Smith, 1986

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, Have mercy on me. (on me)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, Have mercy on me. (on me)

Call to Worship

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer 321, for the Sundays of Easter (in unison)

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Reading of the 23rd Psalm

Song

“All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak
You the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name*

Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
 When I fall down you pick me up
 When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is your name*

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

NRSV

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ✠

Response to the Word: What's PK got to say?

Write your thoughts here

Hymn

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1874

"Close to Thee"

UMH407

MUSIC: Silas J. Vail, 1974

1. Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,
all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let my walk with thee.
2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;
gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee
gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
3. Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
then the gate of life eternal may I enter Lord, with thee.

Love Feast

Prayers of the People

With 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.

Offering

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption,

we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias!

We offer our hands and feet and voices

to take the celebration out of this place into a world that needs hope so desperately!

May we go into the world with such energy, excitement, and power
that the ground shakes once again, that lightning flashes,
and that people see in us your redeeming love
and the triumph of light over darkness!
In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*First Church thanks you
for your faithful giving.
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Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH369

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly, 1961

MUSIC: Attr. To B. F. White, 1844

1. Lord, whose love through humble service,
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

Sending forth

We are sent forth in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

Alleluia!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH428

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev.21:1-22:5)

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
(pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair you word release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and and hope increase, (hope increase)
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
(life's brief span) may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God , have written your great name on human kind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that, by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
(may find) earth its destiny may find.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

“The Call of the Trumpets”

Purcell

Steps to Being a Christian

1. Believe in God, and in his Son Jesus
(Romans 10:9)
2. Believe the message of God's love
(John 3:16, John 15:13, Romans 5:8)
3. Place your faith in Jesus Christ
(Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9-13)
4. Become an active part of the Church, the body of Christ on earth
(Acts 2:38-47)
5. With the help of Christ, begin living your faith;
worship, prayer, scripture study, service, living the love of God
(2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 22:35-39)

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Ministers:	all of us
Pastor:	Kerry W. Bart
Music Director:	Trina Smith
Organist:	Becky Baldwin
District Superintendent:	Okey Harless
Bishop:	Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We “planted” at “tree of kindness” during Lent and “watched it grow” as people submitted various acts of kindnesses performed.

Let us continue with acts of kindness, and decorate our tree with Easter Eggs!

Email your acts of kindness to FirstChurchBville@gmail.com.

ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Our calendar is so different as we are in an oft-changing state of lockdown.

Nevertheless, Sunday worship can be viewed at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)

*and we’re utilizing a computer group meeting program called **Zoom**.*

Zoom allows a group discussion in a closed setting. People can participate with or without video chat on their computers or smart phones, and can even phone in with a “regular” phone.

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:18 am **Morning Coffee** (on your own)

11:00 am **Morning Worship** at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)

Sundays of May: At the recommendation of the Bishop, the Western District has created a “re-launch” team to prepare churches for a return to “in-person” worship. We anticipate relaunching may begin in June, 2020. These structures are in place as we pay attention to “love your neighbor” as well as “do no harm.”

Sunday May 3: Special Offering: Native American Ministries Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS May 3, 2020

Please remember the following people with prayers,

Names are carried on this list for the calendar month. Requests and changes can be reported in writing on worship prayer request cards or by calling the church office. All prayer cards must be dated and signed by the person who is sharing the information. Thank you for your ministry of intercessory prayer.

NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

Virginia Chapman, Midland Meadows
Charles Gerwig, Huntington Health & Rehab

HEALTH NEEDS

Sara Alexander	Mary Gerwig	Winona Holbrook	Jim Mannon
Beryl Myers	Jim Myers	Linda Reid	Leo Savilisky
Millie Smith	Naomi Sparks	Sally Wells	

OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball	DS Okey Harless	The United Methodist Church	
President Trump	our First Responders	Boedy Higson	Lushie Preece
Cindy Stickler	Triplett Family	Sarah Clay	Pat Lawrence
Bettina Doyle	Marianne Russell-Herr	Shane Summers	Carey Hasty
Rich & Donna Oderwald	Jack Day	Ashley Sinclair	Rick Clark
Sherry Hickey	Debbie Jackson	Corky Martin	Hannah Caserta
Joanie LaRosa	Luke White	Ann Handley	Martha Spaulding
Larry Clark	Lanny Adkins	Michelle Sinclair	Tommy Fife
Allen Bleigh	Brittany McComas	Ron White	Becky Wilson
Patsy McComas	Sonny Rice	Axl Colt Barber	Belinda Amos
Aunt May	Lilly Heath-Massey	Robin Darby	Bobby Sinclair
Mark Horwich	Brad Caserta	Roger Ray	Ricky Chapman
David McComas	Rusty Bowling	Brandy Facemyer	Flohouse family
Barb Ellis	Mary Alice & Rockie Holbrook		Unspoken
the pandemic	Pastors and congregations in transition		Brad Hooper
Donna M.	Huntington household devastated by fire		Uncle Harold

REST IN PEACE

Shelia Jordan Myers	John Minichan	Calvin Phillips
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Our purpose is to continue becoming more Christ-like
and to share the love of God with people in a hurting world.

We are a part of The United Methodist Church.
Our mission as United Methodists is
to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

To find out more about The United Methodist Church, check us out online:
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Pastor Kerry's sermons are archived online at www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com

DURING THIS TIME of GLOBAL PANDEMIC
PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE THE CHURCH

Your prayers are needed.
Your non-anxious presence is needed.
Your devotion and witness are needed.

And yes, your offerings are needed.
Our local church enables and empowers ministry
because of your faithful giving.

United Methodist churches around the state of West Virginia
enable and empower ministry around the state
and around the *globe*
because of your faithful giving.

Our financial giving is one of the ways that we participate in the body of Christ.
Offerings can be mailed to First UMC, PO Box 293, Barboursville WV 25504,
or dropped off at the church building (please call ahead to 610-304-5437 to drop off),
or even picked up by a church member.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Please keep in your prayers
West Virginia Annual Conference's elected delegates
for General Conference 2020 and Jurisdictional Conference 2020.
GenConf2020 will take place in Minneapolis, August 31 – Sept 10, 2021

<p><u>WVUMC Annual Conference</u> will take place August 1 and 2, 2020, in Buckhannon WV.</p>

GC20 Laity: Judi Kenaston, Rich Shaffer, Erin Sears
GC20 Clergy: Amy Shanholtzer, Jeff Taylor, Lauren Godwin

JC20 Laity: Rachel Flynn Fulton, Kristi Wilkerson, Royce Lyden
JC20 Clergy: Mary Ellen Finegan, Mike Estep, Joe Hill

Laity alternates: Bree Moll, Judy Raines
Clergy alternates: Sharletta Green, Joe Kenaston