

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
April 18th, 2021
“Third Sunday After Easter”

This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with you!”

(Wave your hands!)

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

Come, children of God, to sing a new song;
clap your hands and shout your praise.

**Jesus is our good news,
our joy, and our salvation.**

In steadfast love and faithfulness
God has done marvelous things.

**God raised Jesus from the dead;
Christ is alive and at work among us.**

God hears our prayers
and answers when we call.

**God makes us dwell in safety
and puts joy in our hearts. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Thine Be the Glory*

UMH 308 (vs. 1 & 3)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Lift up the light of your countenance on us, O God, for we need the larger view you provide. As we commune with our own hearts we pray that you will heal our distress. Purify our thoughts and actions as we put our trust in you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Touch Me and See”* **Kathy Gionis (St. Croix Falls)**

(If you are not able to join us for Zoom Live Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the Sermon by Phone.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, use our troubled, questioning spirit to open our understanding of the scriptures. Help us to see the possibilities you set before us as your children when we turn from our lies and live by your truth. Strengthen our faith and our love so that we may live as the witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

We give thanks, Gracious God, for the joy of giving our gifts and ourselves. May others find refreshment and wholeness through our sharing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN *In the Garden* UMH 314 (vs. 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION Responsive

Walk in light as God's own children,
united in love for one another.

**We would dwell in God's house
and abide in Christ's love.**

Be guided by God's word,
that you may bear good fruit.

**We pray for God's guidance
that we may love in word and deed.**

See what love God has given us;
dare to walk in that love.

**O that we might see some good
and show God's goodness to others. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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ONE Parish THREE Churches:
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The United Methodist Church

10 am Online Zoom Service

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