

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, whose times and seasons are beyond our knowing, open the eyes of our hearts to today's revelation, that we may be enlightened by wisdom and hope. We who are slow to believe rejoice that we are called to be the body of Christ, going into all the world to share the gospel. Empower us by the Holy Spirit and lead us to pray, expecting God's work. Bless us by your promises and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 respond as your apostles to the mission on which you send us. As we speak of your realm, we would also extend the outreach of others on behalf of your whole church in every land. We give thanks for your revelation and your rule. Inspire your church to use these gifts to your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire*
UMH 492 (vs. 1, 5 & 6)

*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

Upper St. Croix Parish

ONE Parish THREE Churches:

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
May 16th, 2021

“Seventh Sunday of Easter”/Graduation Sunday

Congratulations Graduates!



The United Methodist Church

8:30 AM at Central-Grantsburg with Online Zoom Service
10:00 AM at Atlas Park

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Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
May 16th, 2021

“Sixth Sunday of Easter”/Graduation Sunday

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSINGS OF GRADUATES
PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

*“Peace be with you!”
(Wave your hands!)*

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive**

Clap your hands, all people,
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Sing praise to God, sing praises,
for Christ is alive and the Holy Spirit comes.**

God is ruler over all the earth
and reigns over all nations.

God put all things under Christ’s feet;

Christ is head over all things for the church.
Gather to know the immeasurable greatness of God,
to exalt in the One who grants revelation.

**We come together blessing God
for all we have seen and heard. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry

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OPENING PRAYER Unison

**We enter into worship with great joy, O God, for you grant us
acceptance and lift us up with visions of what is yet to be. Hear our
psalms of praise and songs of faith as we wait in expectation for
the power of your Spirit among us and within. Bless our worship,
and bless graduates. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Proclamation of God’s Word

***THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL SONG (C) *God Light Your World*

Kim Wheeler

SERMON “What Should We Expect?”

Pastor Jenny Lee

*(If you miss the live service, you may view the video clip on Facebook,
or listen to the Sermon by Phone.)*

Announcements (Insert) May 16th, 2021

1. Today is “Seventh Sunday of Easter,” and “Graduation Sunday.” May God bless graduates and their family members!
2. Sunday Service time: 8:30 am in Grantsburg-Central, and 10 am in Atlas Park (You may bring your lawn chair if you want to sit out of your vehicles.)
Zoom service will be at 8:30 am.
Please notice that we should use the same protocol-wearing facial masks and keeping social distancing.
3. God bless all graduates! We invite you to Sunday service. we bless you and give a gift at service (5/16).

Adeline Daure (Class of 2021, Grantsburg High School)
Amy Harmon (Class of 2021, Grantsburg High School)
Destiny Erickson (Class of 2021, Grantsburg High School)
Nathan Murtaugh (Class of 2021, St. Croix Falls High School)
Tanner Gaffey (Class of 2021, St. Croix Falls High School)
Laura Drohman (Class of 2021, University of MN, Duluth, MN)
Becca Drohman (Class of 2020, Ridgewater College, MN)
Dauntay Erickson (Class of 2020, Grantsburg High School)
Hannah Smestad (Class of 2020, Grantsburg High School)

If we missed any graduates in 2020 and 2021, please let us know.

4. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Grantsburg: Liturgist

This Sunday (5/16): Mark Nelson, the next Sunday (5/23): Barb Loomis

Atlas Park: Liturgist

This Sunday (5/16): Sue Olson, the next Sunday (5/23): Sue Olson

We need ushers as well. If you are able to be an usher for both places, please let Pastor Jenny know.

5. The Administrative Council meeting: Grantsburg is at 6:30 pm in person; St. Croix Falls is 4:30pm via Zoom.
6. Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. It is recommended that you dress in red for church. We will have the blessing of our vehicles/bikes next Sunday (5/23).
7. Pastor Jenny’s office hours: Grantsburg is 9 am to 5pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and St. Croix Falls is 11 am to 4 pm.

8. We do “**Tablet Ministry**” for those who don’t have a computer and internet at home. Please let Pastor Jenny know if you need a tablet to view the service’s video clip, or to make a connection to the Live service.
9. An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 8:30 am. Here is the Zoom service LINK. **This link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.** The link will be the same in May.
- Topic: Sunday Zoom Service in May**
Time: 8:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)
- Join Zoom Meeting**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558087434?pwd=RGVHSzFXSURVL0JuSFZNbTRwNU83Zz09>

***Please notice that it works only when the host opens it at service time on Sunday. When you check the other time, it doesn’t work.**

- If you are attending the Zoom service for the first time, you may be asked to download the Zoom app. It is free and you will need it.
- If you want to join from your smartphone with video, click the link.
- If you want to dial the number without video, you may dial the number below and enter the meeting ID and passcode.

Phone: +1 312 626 6799,

Meeting ID: 825 5808 7434, Passcode: 918014

Any questions regarding technological issues of the service, contact pastor Jenny.

10. You can hear “**the service (the scripture lesson, song, sermon and prayer-about 30 minutes) by phone**” whenever you are able by calling 1-715-298-0854. We will upload a new one every Sunday afternoon.
11. If you miss a Sunday service, you may view a video clip on Facebook or use materials (mailed, emailed or on the Parish website) for a home service. **We have the link to our parish Facebook page on the homepage of our website. New clips will be uploaded every Sunday afternoon.**
12. **We do not use the conference call for Sunday service at this point.**

13. You may want to send your giving (offerings) to your church. If you have any questions regarding services or offerings, please email the church office at: centralumc2016@gmail.com.

You may send your giving (offering) to the church (**Please make your check payable to your individual church’s name.**)

Atlas UMC: PO Box 254, Luck, WI 54853

Grantsburg-Central UMC: PO Box 128, Grantsburg, WI 54840

St. Croix Falls UMC: PO Box 458, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

14. **This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

***If we miss your birthday, please let us know by email or phone call: centralumc2016@gmail.com / 715-463-2624.**

Shayna Schmid 5/16

Mary Lou Wright 5/17

Emily & Daniel Rahkola 5/21

Laura Drohman 5/21

Brad Rehbein 5/21

Sharon & Dave Huff 5/22

