

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

God whom we have not seen, whose gifts we take for granted and misuse, speak to us your Word of peace, that our inner turmoil may be stilled, our eyes opened, our ears alerted to make faithful response. May our witness be authentic, that the world may come to know your glory and dominion and respond with joyous obedience to your Word. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND

OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Unison

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***CLOSING HYMN**

Only Trust Him

UMH 337 (vs. 1 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Resources "Gathered by Love" by Lavon Bayler.

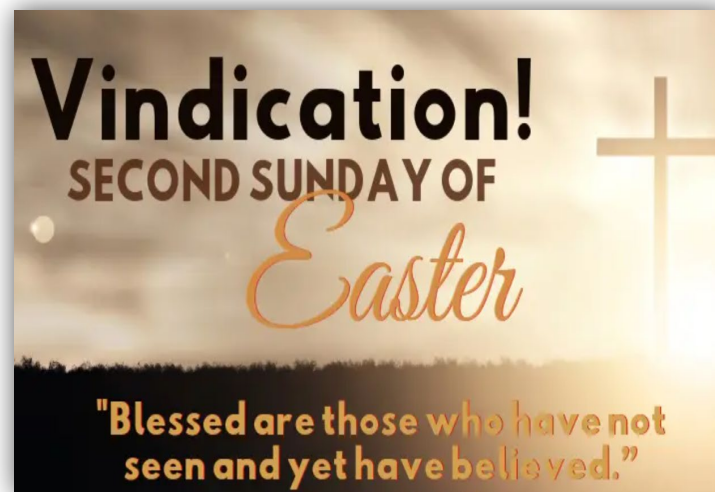
Upper St. Croix Parish

ONE Parish THREE Churches:

Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

April 24th, 2022

"Second Sunday of Easter"



The United Methodist Church

8:30 AM at Central-Grantsburg with Online Zoom Service

9:45 AM at Atlas

11:15 AM at St. Croix Falls with Online Zoom Service

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Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
April 24th, 2022

“Second Sunday of Easter”

*Please stand if you are able.

***PRELUDE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!”

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our strength and our salvation;
 let everything that breathes praise our God!

**This is the day God has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.

Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

We will give thanks on this day, for God is good.

The steadfast love of God endures forever.

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
 and who was and who is to come.

We are witnesses to the God who acts.

We are here to offer our worship and praise. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's 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

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

“God Works Through the Scars to Bring Newness of Life.”


(We will view the prerecorded video. You may view the full service by the Cabinet on Facebook Sunday afternoon if you miss service. If you are attending from home, you may use a different article by the Bishop.)

We Respond to God's Word

APRIL CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

<p>INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:</p> <p>Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year round.</p> 	<p>Support Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry</p> 	<p>SUPPORT UKRAINE</p>  <p>Funds collected will be sent to UMCOR to help Ukraine.</p>
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GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

<p>BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!</p> <p>REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"</p> 	<p>Donations will be sent to UMCOR to support the people of Ukraine.</p> 
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ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh

 <p>Food Shelf</p> <p>(Communion Sunday)</p>	<p>Sailor Hat Offering:</p> <p>April's Sailor hat offering will go to support UKRAINE.</p> 
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Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers All God's People
Pastor Jenny Lee

Today's Service

Central:

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Snow Removal	Stan Chute
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Fellowship	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Counter	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Cleaning	Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Sunday School	Younger/Older LuAnne Martell/Barb Loomis

Atlas:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Colleen Adams-Schween
Usher(s)	Don Schween
Cleaning	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday school	Younger/Older Josie Grimes/Jamie Steffen

St. Croix Falls:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Jim Andrews
Usher(s)	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Kathy Gionis



BREAKTHROUGH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

"This kind can come out only by prayer" (Mark 9:29)
Please pray every morning at 8:30, if you are able!

"Please pray for Ukraine, and its people and its leaders!"

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **An Online Zoom Service is scheduled for this Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:15am.** The link will be posted on our parish website and Facebook page.
Click the LINK to Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147808460?pwd=SDZleFNubmEvaDBlcytTRzVxMFIIZz09>
Phone: +1 312 626 6799,
Meeting ID: 841 4780 8460, Passcode: 568271
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
- 3) You can hear "the service by Phone," whenever you are able by calling 1-715-298-0854.
- 4) You may watch a recorded video of the service on our parish Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/UpperStCroixParishUMC>

This Week's Calendar:

Today: Second Sunday of Easter. Christ has risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor Jenny's office hours will change to the following beginning in May:

Tuesday: 9am to 5pm at Grantsburg

Wednesday: 10am to 2pm at SCF & 3pm to 7pm at Grantsburg

Thursday: 11am to 4pm at SCF

Friday: by appointment only

Sunday Worship Service:

- 4/24: 8:30 am Grantsburg with Zoom
9:45 am Atlas
11:15 am St. Croix Falls with Zoom
- 4/24: 2:00 pm, Pastor Jenny preaches at the Continuing Care Center at BMC
- 4/27: 9:00 am, Special meeting regarding the renovation of the church building (SCF)
1:00 pm, Craft Group Gathering (G)
6:30 pm, Confirmation Class (G)
- 4/28: 9:00am, North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom
4:00 pm, Ad Council Meeting (SCF)
- 4/29: 11:00 am, Graveside Service for Fay Andrews at St. Croix Falls Cemetery
- 4/30: 4:00 pm, Celebration of Barb & Jim Loomis's 50th Anniversary at the American Legion in Grantsburg

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Julie Branstad 4/24
Jim & Barbara Loomis 4/25
Dustin Kunze 4/26



Next Sunday (May 1st) Volunteers:

Ministers	All God's People Pastor Jenny Lee
Central:	
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Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	Volunteer Needed
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Sunday School	Younger/Older Volunteer Needed

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Preach	Sharon Asp
Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
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Fellowship	Ad Council Members (3rd Sunday)



5/1-5/2 PROVISIONAL ELDER SPRING WORKSHOP AT PINE LAKE CAMP

5/1: PASTOR JENNY PREACHES AT C- GRANTSBURG, SHARON ASP PREACHES AT ATLAS AND ST. CROIX FALLS.

5/8: COMMUNION SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY

5/9-5/20: PASTOR JENNY ON VACATION

A Call to Peace

(Replaces sermon for those who are holding home services and can't watch the video shown at church)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for your faithfulness in our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. I am grateful for your courage and innovative spirit as we faithfully engage ministry during days of a global pandemic. I write today to remind us of our global siblings in Ukraine and seek your prayers.

According to the *2016 Book of Resolutions*, “the bible makes justice the inseparable companion of peace. Both point to right and sustainable relationship in human society, the vitality of our connections with the earth, and the well-being and integrity of creation.” For Isaiah, peace is the fruit of a well-ordered life together: “Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” (Is.32:16-18, NRSV).

Non-violence and peace-making are central to the moral imagination of the gospel. In the words of Jesus, “blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Mt 5:9).” For Wesleyans peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that vivifies personal and social holiness. We claim the help of God always before us and with us to inspire our faithfulness in each day.

Siblings in Christ, I ask that you join me in prayer personally and collectively for peace with justice in Ukraine, an easing of tensions in Europe, and a diplomatic solution. May we seek to live with mutual respect and humanitarian solidarity and let us unite prayer with our actions.

Today I offer The Prayer of St. Francis (#481 *United Methodist Hymnal*):

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
— St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century*

Thank you.

Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung
Wisconsin Conference