

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Will and Sally S.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois Dow
Those who are homeless	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Those experiencing addiction	Jane P.
Norma, Pastor Hoyte's mother	Keith A.
Anita B.	Judy L.
Cole, lifted by Greg and Liz L.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Susan L.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Nancy D.	Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.
Louise A.	
Carole B.	
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	
Ray S.	

This Week's Birthdays

April 19	Claudia Taller	April 20	Charlene Vas
April 20	Joan Phillips	April 20	Amye Sabin
April 22	Carol Nupp	April 22	Jim Yager

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Mark Steiger
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Barb Clough
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Sarah Jackson
Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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2nd Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth

Lani Smith

****Call to Worship***

L: This is the day to walk in the light.

P: **This is the day to share signs of peace.**

L: This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

P: **This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.**

L: Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

****Epistle Reading***

1 Peter 1:3-9

****Unison Prayer***

Life-giving, Life-affirming God, we come this morning, remembering the joy of Easter while facing the realities of this world. Fill us with the hope of new life that resurrection brings.

Help us open our hearts to the never-ending, unconditional love of this Easter season. Be with us now in our time of worship and remain with us each and every day as we walk our paths of life in faith. Amen.

***Hymn** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* UMH 312

Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever patient and loving God, the excitement and joy of Easter have faded, and our doubts and fears are creeping in again. We somehow need to see to believe. We long for the peace that Jesus breathed on his disciples but feel too vulnerable and afraid to ask. We long to affirm with Thomas: "My Lord and my God," but we sometimes lack the conviction. Forgive us our doubts, our fears, and our reluctance to witness to you and to the Risen Jesus. We pray for the courage and conviction of those first disciples—disciples who overcame their fear and doubt to become mighty witnesses. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The one who loves us and frees us will not leave us in despair and doubt but will fill us all with joy and conviction. Let us praise and witness to the Holy One—the one who says I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; the one who is with us always. Amen.

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.

Anthem *Praise, Praise* G. F. Handel

Penny Sunday

Today's offering will go to support The Nehemiah Mission. Please join us in singing The Penny Sunday Song, which can be found inside the back cover of the hymnal.

Invitation for the Offering

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online (www.noumc.org/donate), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed during worship.

Offertory *My Redeemer Liveth Yet* Johann Crüger

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Hymn *He Lives* UMH 310

Sermon "Walking with Christ" Rev. Mark L. Steiger

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

***Benediction**

Postlude *Easter Alleluia* Henry Kihlken
Please be seated for the Postlude.

**Please stand as able*