

3rd Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music and Ministry Opportunities

Organist, Jeff Beyers

(Bold Print -Congregational Response)

Call to Worship

Rev. Lynn Boyd

Come walk with us.

We will join the journey.

Let us talk together.

We will listen and speak.

Christ goes with us.

Jesus guides our steps.

Cantor: Kathy Frawley

Hymn of Praise (*)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

Opening Prayer (*)

Holy One, we are often confused

by the events in our world.

Come and walk with us.

Open our hearts to hear your truth.

Plant the seed of new life within us.

In trust of your loving presence, we pray. Amen.

Special Music

Ben Dugan

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Meghan Davis

God of love and compassion,

we often fail to understand the truth of your love.

We are frequently confused and filled with doubt.

Life can feel meaningless.

We wander down the pathways of life,

longing to see our way more clearly.

Open our eyes this day,

that we may see your way of love and grace.

Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence.

Feed us with the true bread of life,

and help us change our hearts and lives,

that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

This is the good news of the gospel: Jesus walks with us and in Him we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Hymn (*)

Stay with Us

TFWS 2199

Sermon

"We Had Hoped"

Rev. Lynn Boyd

Response to the Word

We too have heard your voice
and know your presence with us.
Give us the confidence to trust your grace.
Help us change our hearts and lives,
that we may walk with you always. Amen

Offering Our Gifts and Reflective Music

Jeff Beyers

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures?

Communion and The Lord's Prayer

We remember that the stranger we met on the road
was Jesus, revealed to us in this meal.

And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, was crucified, and buried.

Christ is risen and is teaching his love.

Christ will come again to walk beside us.

Hymn (*)

The Lord's Prayer

He Lives

UMH 895

UMH 310

Benediction and Sending Forth (*)

As you walk the paths of life,
know that Jesus is with you,
blessing you with his presence. **Alleluia**

Organ Postlude

Jeff Beyers

(*) You are invited to stand if you are comfortable standing."

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS-The Faith We Sing (thin black hymnal)

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Church 101 – A New 4-Week Introductory Class on Christianity and the Bible

Hello Sunday School parents, young couples, and baptism families! If you're relatively new to the faith, and would like to go over some basics, this class is for you. Please join us on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am, April 23rd, 30, & May 7 & 14. Room 101; Coffee will be provided.

Calling All Girls & Ladies! Sing in a Women's Choir on Mother's Day. Practices will be April 23 and May 7 at 10:30 am.

Unity Sunday, May 7th – One service – 9:15 am in the Sanctuary

Retirement Luncheon for Lee and Deanna Stielper, Tuesday, May 9th, 11:00 am in McComas Hall. All are invited. RSVP to food.services@baumc.com

Vacation Bible School July 24 -27, 9:00 am – 12 Noon. Register now on the website!

Habitat for Humanity/VIM Faith Build April 29, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please join us for our next Faith Build workday. We would like to have ten volunteers on site at 416 Ohio Street, Havre de Grace. We'll know what kind of work we'll be doing when we get closer to the date. Contact Randy Wentzel <wentzel@hotmail.com>

Registration link: <https://habitatsusq.org/civcrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=9944>

Prayer Shawl Ministry Celebration of Caring and Sharing May 10 at 6 pm in Room 202

This is a special invitation to all volunteers, supporters and interested individuals. Our intent is to sincerely thank everyone who has been supporting our efforts in recent years

2023 Mother's Day Festival of Flowers May 13, 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Come shop and support our sale of assorted hanging baskets, tropical plants, annuals, perennials, designer pots, and garden art. Proceeds to support local and global ministries.

July 4th Community Outreach event

BAUMC is inviting the community for food, lawn games, crafts and a front row seat to the parade. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Sign-up at the Information Desk or email Pastor Lynn at boydl@baumc.com

CCC Preschool Board – We need some help on CCC Preschool board. Are you interested and available to serve? Please see Pastor Byron

Disciple I Class - The Disciple I class completed its 25th week of studying Genesis to Revelation on Sunday , April 16 with a discussion of what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ and how to recognize and use our spiritual gifts to serve the church. Four graduates completed the course: Robbie Alexander, Ron Forbes, Mike Schmidt, and Lavonne Taylor. Although it was a big commitment, everyone agreed it was time well spent and felt their relationship with Jesus Christ and faith grew throughout the sessions. Leaders were Janet & Doug Dorer.

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Stay with Us

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry, feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus take us to your side.

Walk with us, the road we bend: make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold: Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.