JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

April 7, 2024, 9:30 am

Good morning, and **welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church**. Today is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, it is the day when we ask ourselves, "*Was it all just an idle tale?*" It is traditionally called **Low Sunday** because of both energy (how can you replicate Easter Sunday energy) and attendance (most people, including clergy take this Sunday off). Some churches call this day "**Bright Sunday**" or "**Holy Humor Sunday**" celebrations on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Let's do this in 2025!!

Today we celebrate **Communion** with the question: What if everyone had a place at the table? What if communion and the table were the central symbols and practices of Christianity? The invitation to the table at Judson is fairly simple: If you have breath, you are welcome at the table!

This morning, we welcome our guest musician **Glen Elvig**. Glen performed a version of his song, "A Place at the Table," last year at Dinner and a Show.

Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the first Sunday of each month, all cash placed in the offering plates goes to **Starfish Ministries**, a joint ministry of Judson Church and Bethlehem Lutheran. All funds go to people in south Minneapolis who need help paying rent, utilities, and food.

Spiritual Voyageurs, We are in Matthew, chapter 18, which one commentator labels "Life Together" (as a spiritual community). In our last Zoom, we began discussing Matthew 18:1-9. We focused on the disciples' asking Jesus, "Who is the greatest...?" and Jesus' putting a child in front of them and replying, "...unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest..."

What is it about children? Why did Jesus, uncharacteristically for his day and age, repeatedly welcome and even elevate children? At the end of our last meeting, we started considering what children are like--innocent, naive, pure. We agreed to start our next Zoom Bible study (next Tuesday) with more discussion about why and how we are to emulate children?

Card-Signing - You are invited to join Congregational Care Committee members for card-signing and updates, at 10:00 on Friday, April 12, in the Ann Judson Room. This is a repeat of last fall's activity, which was very successful, appreciated by both those of us sending cards and by those receiving cards. It is a blessing which our committee wishes to expand. No preparation on your part is needed: just come at 10:00. We will have names and addresses, notecards, envelopes, and stamps and will send out a good number of cards of care and greeting to Judson folks. Feedback we get from people receiving such greetings is one of high appreciation for such connection. Join us to be a part of it on the 12th; contact Kathy or Wayne Urbaniak if you have questions.

Next Saturday, April 13, Dinner and a Show returns. Dinner at 5:30 pm and show at 7 pm. Urban Growler will provide the food. Kid-friendly and veggie options will be available. Suggested donation is $20. This year's entertainment is **1.** The Uncommon Denominators (Bruce & Sue Elliott, Van Johnson, and Doug Weatherhead) **2**. Fendrick & Peck (Madeline Fendrick and Brian Peck), and **3**. Jeleche (Colleen Bertsch (violin), Maja Radovanlija (guitar), and Rada Kolarov (singer). Hope to see you there.

"JQA announces that we have secured a spot at **The 2024 Golden Valley Pride Festival, June 8, 2024, from Noon to 6 pm**. We will have a booth set up for the day. We will need some volunteers to be at the booth and greet attendees to represent Judson Church and be an affirming presence to the LGBTQIA+ community. Any amount of time you can be there is welcome. There is No limit on how many at a time. Let's have a Judson PRIDE party at the park! Please contact Deadra Moore at 651-278-4366 (text) or deadra.moore@usinternet.com with your questions and to volunteer to help!"

New Member Class. The next series of new member classes will take place on April 15 and April 22, 7-8 pm via Zoom. If you would like to join or learn more about this amazing community of faith, please let the pastor know or email him at gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org.

Baptisms at Judson. The date for baptisms at Judson has been moved to **June 9th** (we need to make sure it is warm enough). Classes will take place in May (both in-person and via Zoom). If you would like to be a part of this cohort, please talk with the pastor or email him at gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org. The baptism class can also function as a Confirmation Class for those who were baptized as infants.

Reminder: Travis' days off are Fridays & Saturdays

As Personnel Chair, I wanted to take this opportunity to strengthen our church by reminding everyone that Travis' scheduled days off are Friday and Saturday each week. While the allowance of funerals and true emergencies will always be acceptable, it's important to give Travis and his family time to unwind and renew themselves. Before calling or texting Travis on a Friday or Saturday, please ask yourself if it can wait until Sunday or Monday. By being respectful of Travis' time off, we are letting him know how important he is to us and how important his personal renewal is to the long-term well-being is to our congregation.

Thank you,

Jeff O'Halloran, Judson Personnel Chairperson

Save the Date: Mike Olson's memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

If you are planning on bringing treats for our college students, please coordinate with Gayle Foster Lewis at 952-808-9893.

Calendar: Please let the office know when you schedule a meeting at 612-822-0649 or info@judsonchurch.org. Many groups are starting to meet again, and I want to make sure that everyone gets the spot they would like to meet in. Thank You.

Sunday-April 7
9:30 am **Worship Service-**Sanctuary
Music: Glen Elvig
Time with Children
Homily

Monday-April 8
Nothing

Tuesday-April 9
7 pm **Spiritual Voyageurs**-Zoom

Wednesday-April 10
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal-**Sanctuary

Thursday-April 11
2 pm **Building Use Meeting**-Library
7 pm **Mahjongg**-Fellowship Hall

Friday-April 12
10 am **Card Signing w/Congregational Care**-Ann Judson Room

Saturday-April 13
5 pm **Dinner & a Show**-Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary