



**APRIL 7, 2024**

## The Upper Room

PRELUDE	"What Wondrous Love Is This"
CALL TO WORSHIP	"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW #367, v. 1
PROCLAMATION	
SONG OF CELEBRATION	"Christ Is Alive" ELW #389
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY	
THE READINGS	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!" ELW #382, v.1
THE GOSPEL	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SERMON	
SONG OF THE DAY	"Christ Be Our Light" ELW #715
PROFESSION OF FAITH	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
SPECIAL MUSIC	(8:30) "Christ Be Our Light" (11:00) "Morning Has Broken"
OFFERING PRAYER	
COMMUNION	"Come, Let Us Eat" ELW #491 "Bread Of Life" ELW #464
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BLESSING	
SENDING SONG	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" ELW #619, v. 1,2,4,5
MISSION AND PEACE	"Traveling Mercies"
POSTLUDE	"Joy Song"

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of new days, we give you thanks for the gift of your Christ, and the gift of resurrection we share in him. Bless us with the life-giving power of your presence to lift us above fear and doubt. Go with us on the road ahead as we make our way together. Amen.

### ISAIAH 43: 1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

### PSALM 32: 1-2, 6-11



<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### Antiphon

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

### Antiphon

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### Antiphon

### 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### LUKE 24: 36-49

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

#### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO ABIDING LOVE!

It is one of our greatest joys to welcome new people into membership in our community. We are blessed to have guests and visitors growing closer in relationships and involvement in the life of the church. Membership in the congregation provides full participation in the leadership and missional direction of Abiding Love. If you would you like to become a member we would be happy to welcome you! We are currently inviting everyone interested in membership to contact Pr. Brad and to complete a Member Information form (ask an usher for a copy). A New Member gathering for interested people will follow.

If you have any questions, contact Pr. Brad: [bhighum@abidinglove.org](mailto:bhighum@abidinglove.org) or 512-892-4040

# COMING SOON!

## APRIL 13:

**ALLC Youth Garage Sale ~ 9am-2pm**

Email Tyler Parks for more information: [tparks@abidinglove.org](mailto:tparks@abidinglove.org)

## APRIL 14:

**ACL Summit Meeting (at St. Martin's or on Zoom) ~ 2-3:30pm**

Email Pastor Tim Anderson for more information: [tca.balm@gmail.com](mailto:tca.balm@gmail.com)

## APRIL 19-20:

**Abiding Love Women's Retreat: Lead and EmpowHER**

Visit [bit.ly/empowHER2024](http://bit.ly/empowHER2024) for more information, or email Leslie VanLeeuwen: [leslie6123@gmail.com](mailto:leslie6123@gmail.com)

## APRIL 26-28:

**Abiding Love Men's Service Retreat at Camp Chrysalis**

Contact Craig Hohertz ([craigrhohertz@yahoo.com](mailto:craigrhohertz@yahoo.com)) or Dale Sump ([dsump@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsump@sbcglobal.net)) for more info

## MAY 12:

**Cantata: Jubilate Deo ~ 8:30 & 11:00 Services**

Want to sing along? Contact Dr. Gus: [gsterneman@abidinglove.org](mailto:gsterneman@abidinglove.org)

## MAY 15-16:

**Everything is Sacred event with John Philip Newell**

Visit [eremos.org](http://eremos.org) for tickets and information

*More details about all of these events can be found in our weekly E-News. Not subscribed, yet? Email [info@abidinglove.org](mailto:info@abidinglove.org) to get your name on the list!*

## MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

*Upper Room — April 7, 2024*

"What Wondrous Love Is This" — Mark Hayes  
"Come Christians Join To Sing" — Christian Henry Bateman © Public Domain  
"Christ Be Our Light" — Mark Hayes  
"Morning Has Broken" — Eleanor Farjeon, arr. W.P. Sterneman III © 2022  
"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" — W.P. Sterneman III © 2023  
"Traveling Mercies" — Billy Crockett © 1999  
"Joy Song" — Mark Hayes

## ALTAR GUILD SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Altar Guild is in urgent need of a few volunteers to help with communion during worship, especially at the early service. It's not a difficult job, nor does it require any public speaking! All you need to do is watch the communion servers and hand them new trays whenever they run low.

If you would like to give this a try, please let Dr. Gus or Di Brophy know. Thanks!  
[gsterneman@abidinglove.org](mailto:gsterneman@abidinglove.org) or [brophy.di@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brophy.di@sbcglobal.net)

## ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

ALLC Campout  
Food Pantry Sunday  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
5:30 pm HS Youth Activity (HS)

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm Bread for All FP  
6:00 pm Children's Outreach Min. (C)  
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)  
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:30 pm Western Oaks HOA Annual (S)  
7:00 pm Alanon (C)  
7:00 pm Children's Ministry Mtg (Z)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am Naomi Circle (C)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)  
1:00 pm Sew Bees (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals  
6:45 pm Children's Choir  
7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal (MR & L)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 am Chapel (S)  
10:00 am Quilters (UC, MS)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:45 pm Lion's Club (C)  
6:00 pm Alanon (L)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

CC Closed

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 am Spring Garage Sale (front lawn)  
1:00 pm Private Event (AC)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion w/ Mixed Blessings  
2:00 pm ACL Summit Mtg @ St. Martin's  
2:00 pm Troop 44000 (AC)

For questions about the calendar, please visit our website: [www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org) or email: [rroberts@abidinglove.org](mailto:rroberts@abidinglove.org)

## SERVING

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### Preaching and Presiding

Rev. Brad Highum

### Acolyte

(8:30) Cali Taylor  
(11:00) Molly Enno

### Altar Guild

Nicole & Nuala Larkin  
Denise Alaimo

### Assisting Minister

(8:30) Margaret Dove  
(11:00) Sue Milam

### Children's Message

Tyler Parks

### Communion Assistant

(8:30) Amelia Mettke  
(11:00) Rosa Hatfield

### Lector

(8:30) Audrey Lehman  
(11:00) Mike Riggs

### Music

Gus Sterneman  
Stephanie Morrison  
Sanctuary Choir

### Ushers

(8:30) Judy & Tom Tough  
(11:00) Steve Essinger & Kurt Armstrong

### Tech

Jan Haas  
Zee Zepeda  
Cindy Atwell



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## ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



## *The Upper Room*

That "first day of the week" finds the followers of Jesus fearful, hiding in the last place they gathered with the Lord. In their uncertainty of what the future holds, they cling to the past and resist the dawning of a new day. The Risen Christ—crucified in the flesh, raised in the Spirit—becomes present among them to dispel that fear, to remind them of their calling and to send them forth to live the way, the truth and the life he came to reveal.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!

May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.

## ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.

Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

## CONNECT WITH ABIDING LOVE

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