

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 30, 2023

10:00am

Prelude “Amazing Grace” American

Welcome

Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life” #600

Call to Worship

Leader: It is not we who chose Christ,

All: but Christ who chose us,

Leader: We are not here because of our goodness

All: but because of Christ's grace,

Leader: We are not here to enlighten ourselves,

All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: We have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Children's Message Pastor Dave

Offertory “Come Thou Fount” Wyeth
Sarah Eaton, Vocalist

Doxology

A Time of Prayer Pastor Dave

(Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)

Response: “Hear our prayer, O God”

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 “People Need the Lord” Nelson & McHugh
Choir

Scripture: Luke 5:17-26 (CEB)

One day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and legal experts were sitting nearby. They had come from every village in Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem. Now the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal. Some men were bringing a man who was paralyzed, lying on a cot. They wanted to carry him in and place him before Jesus, but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they took him up on the roof and lowered him—cot and all—through the roof tiles into the crowded room in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The legal experts and Pharisees began to mutter among themselves, "Who is this who insults God? Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus recognized what they were discussing and responded, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? Which is easier—to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you will know that the Human One has authority on the earth to forgive sins" —Jesus now spoke to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up, take your cot, and go home." Right away, the man stood before them, picked up his cot, and went home, praising God. All the people were beside themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God, saying, "We've seen unimaginable things today."

Sermon “We are going to need a new roof!” Pastor Dave

Hymn “I Come With Joy” #617:1,2,4,5

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude “The Gift to Be Simple” American

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Sergei Barth, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Rev. John Griswold, Ginny Monroe, Charlotte Perolio, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Karen McGinley, Joseph Ries, Mary Ann Yates (Erna McCormick's sister), Ramona Vaughn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**—Executive Board meets 4/25 at 1pm.

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S**

MINISTRY—Helpers are needed in the nursery and in the children's classroom. In particular, a volunteer is needed on 5/28 to cover for a teacher going on vacation. Please talk to the teachers during Sunday School if you are interested in volunteering.

***CHURCH BBQ**—May 28, after worship service. Save the date!

***PICTURES NEEDED FOR CHURCH**

DIRECTORY—For a church directory update, we kindly ask all members, attenders, and regular visitors, to please send a recent picture to frontoffice@fumcnpr.com. A selfie taken with a cell phone works ☺ You can also drop off a photograph at the church office where it can be copied.

***UPPER ROOM**—This daily devotional guide for May/June is available in the Narthex and the office. Please put \$2 in an envelope and mark it "Upper Room" when you take a copy.

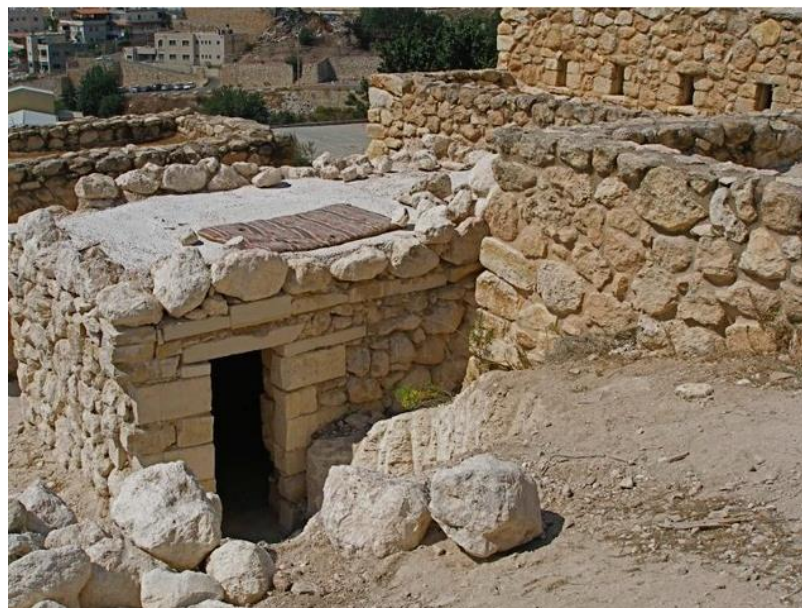
***BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Come join us!



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