

# Mt. Lebanon UMC

April 28, 2024 11:00 AM



## Many thanks to our ministers in today's Worship Service:

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**This week's altar flowers are  
in honor of Sarah Ocampo & Melanie Pangol**

Courtesy of Amy Furman

*Small Church, Big Heart*

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

Kim Bernard; Barbara Furman; Bernice Godfrey; Kay Shoemaker;  
Cathie Duffy; Barbara Videtto; Sylvia Eubanks; Linda Conner; Jeanne  
Conner; Eric Lindsay; Pam Parrett (kidney transplant); Tracy Hopkins;  
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April 28, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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## Announcements

- Our Easter Season sermon series is called “Sent.” It is about the apostles’ next steps in their post-Jesus ministry, which can instruct the Church today as to our purpose and calling in the world.

## Important Dates

- April 28
  - Cookies for NA following worship
- May 1
  - Admin Council Meeting @ 7 PM
- May 9
  - Office Open – 10 AM – 2 PM
- May 10
  - Office Closed
- May 11
  - Church Beautification Day @ 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- May 14
  - Trustees Meeting @ 7 PM
- May 15
  - Missions Team Meeting @ 5 PM
- May 23
  - Pre-Annual Conference on ZOOM @ 7 PM
- May 27
  - Memorial Day Service of Remembrance
    - Held outside of Chester Bethel’s Thrift Shop
    - Time TBD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – O Perfect Love; Joseph Barnby

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 John 4)

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

People: **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

Leader: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

People: **God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: **No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.**

Leader: And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

People: **So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

Leader: We love because God, through Christ and in the Spirit, first loved us.

All: **The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “O How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170

## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Cor 15:1-6 and Col 1:15-20)  
UMH #888

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC – The Gift of Love; arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the Risen Christ. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26-40

SERMON “Sent: God Isn’t Just for Sundays”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Abide with Me” UMH #700

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to give in one of the following ways:*

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into plates during offering time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*
- 3. You may find us online and click the “donate” button to access our PayPal and give via credit card*

*Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY – Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love; William Havergal

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN – “Pass It On” UMH #572

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Love at Home; arr. Connie Stauffer

<sup>1</sup> The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

<sup>2</sup> From Duke University Chapel worship bulletin, April 4, 2010.