

## April 26<sup>th</sup> Bulletin

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### Announcements...

- Masks still available – check clear box on manse porch
- Several people willing to do porch deliveries
- Please keep checking in on each other
- Bible study – now Wednesday evenings only at 7pm
- New sermon/Bible study series – *Living in the “I Don’t Know”*

### Call to Worship: from Psalm 24

Pastor: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

*People: The world, and those who live in it;*

Pastor: For he has founded it on the seas,

*People: And established it on the rivers.*

### Hymn – #20 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother – all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### Opening Prayer

**Solo – Because He Lives**

Solo, Becky Gillaugh  
Organist, Roberta Erwin

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30

## **Sermon Notes:** Living in the “I Don’t Know”: Yoking Ourselves To Jesus

- As I listen to reporters, everyone wants to know what’s going to happen. Governor DeWine: *I don’t know*. That is causing a great deal of anxiety because we like things to be certain.
- What we do know: the virus is not gone. But Ohio is going to cautiously reopen – like slowly turning a dimmer switch just a bit brighter...to see what happens
- I’m changing up our sermon series: don’t want to just talk about the pandemic but don’t want to ignore it...but many of you have said you’d like to focus on this theme. Between now and Pentecost...living in the “I don’t know.”
- How do we stand on the rock – from Matthew 7 – how do we stand on the rock of Jesus Christ even in this time of uncertainty?
- Where do we go to meet our needs? Are we too self-sufficient? Do we turn to God when we’ve exhausted all our other resources? *Jeremiah 2:13 – “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*
- When we yoke ourselves with Jesus, we are yoking ourselves with his will and his way vs. what else is going on around us
- How can Jesus’ burden be easy and light? Jesus was connected with the Father. And that changes everything. He said no to some things in order to say yes to God.
- This week...What are you yoking yourself to?
- Going to be a marathon and not a sprint – this Wednesday in Bible study we are going to look more in depth at some ways we can care for ourselves, our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we are called to continually renew our minds.

## **Time of Prayer...**

- People sick around the world
- Front lines folks – expanding to family members of congregation
- Prayer list – feel free to text or email additions throughout the week

*If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text me directly. Because we are live-streaming, please get permission before sending the request. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept deliberately vague. God knows who we are praying for and what’s going on with the person. But since we don’t know who all will be listening to this, we want to protect privacy.*

## **Benediction**