

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

April 15, 2018, 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter



Greetings and Announcements

*Entrance of the Cross/Organ Prelude

Dona Nobis from *Sixteenth Mass*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Invocation

If we may distinguish between students of Christianity and practicing Christians, or, more narrowly, between students of Jesus and believers in Jesus, the question arises: which attitude—the spirit of inquiry or the spirit of faith—brings one closer to what St. Paul called “the mind of Christ”? Some astute parishioner will, of course, ask, “Are these two dispositions antithetical? Does faith preclude inquiry, inquiry faith? Are they reconciled in the Anselmic proposition that ‘faith seeks understanding’”? (I shall leave the answer to your private reflections or postprandial conversations.)

Lord, if we seek the truth of you behind the stories about you, it is not because we foolishly presume to circumvent the mediations of memory, language, narrative; if we dare to address you in the second person singular, it is because we hold firmly to the conviction that you remain somehow alive in the world; if we call you “Teacher” and “Lord,” it is in response to the spiritual claim of your teachings and life. Though it comes down to us by way of a distant and ever so tendentious literature, we seek only an honest relationship to what was from the beginning called “the gospel.” In a serious and careful reading of the canonical texts, copies of which are scandalously plentiful and accessible, grant us an oh-so-rare glimpse of an oh-so-divinely-human life, a glimpse indeed of our own possibilities under the influence of that life. Amen.

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 384

Sundays of Easter (*The Lutheran Book of Worship*) 321

*Gloria Patri 70

*Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia 162

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Anthem The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want Jesse S. Irvine (1872)

Offertory Sentence

The Church, notwithstanding cogent arguments to the contrary, is the creation of Easter. Insofar as the Church not only remembers Jesus but dwells meditatively upon his life and teachings, insofar as it practices its faith in terms of critique and conduct, it is worthy of our financial support. As I have said again and again in this space, the Church’s role, however imperfectly fulfilled, is unique. Support it with your right hand even as you question it with your left!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Aria from *Xerxes* George Frideric Handel

*Doxology 94

*Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand 474

Epistle Lesson: First John 3:1–7

Sue Jacox

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36b–48

Kathy LaFollette

Sermon “the canonical Jesus, the theological Jesus, or Jesus himself” Donald Morris

*Hymn Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy 340

*Benediction/Choral Benediction

*Postlude Prelude in *Classic Style* Gordon Young

*Congregation Standing

Announcements

YOUTH WORSHIP BLITZ – APRIL 20–22

Next weekend, confirmands and youth will be participating in another “Worship Blitz” to tour and experience worship in churches of different faiths and denominations. Parents and other members of the congregation are welcome to join us. To help us plan, **please indicate on the tear-off if you will be accompanying us for any of these services.** Adults and siblings are responsible for their own transportation and meals. For additional information, please contact Alisha Balcom (742-4883 or balcomad@att.net).



Friday, April 20 – Temple Beth El (Jewish Synagogue), 4:15–10:00 pm

(*snacks provided before service, tour after the service, dinner out before returning home)

Saturday, April 21 – Cokesbury UMC, 4:00–8:00 pm

(*snacks provided before the service, dinner out before returning home)

Sunday, April 22 – Braxton Chapel (AME Zion), 9:00 am–3:00 pm

(*breakfast on your own, meet with tour after service, eat lunch before returning home)

Today in Youth:	Worship Blitz
Wed., April 18:	6:30 pm, Youth Activities
Sun., April 22:	Worship Blitz
Wed., April 25:	6:30 pm, Youth Activities (help prep for Plant Sale)

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE IN APRIL

April is Kern's turn to operate the Ecumenical Storehouse. Volunteers are needed at the storehouse from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in April to escort clients, load furniture, and pick up donations. Additional "man"power (especially under age 70) is needed on Saturdays from 9:00 am to Noon for pickups only. Contact Carla Giles (482-5935) for more information.

Donated Items

Our Missions Committee is collecting new or gently used bath towels and pots and pans for the Ecumenical Storehouse. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex and Family Life Center for your donated items. For additional information see Becky Hughes.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES FOR SALE



Youth are taking orders for red or white roses to honor mothers on Mother's Day (May 13). Each rose costs \$3.00, and you may pre-order individual roses or a group of roses to come in a glass vase for an additional \$3.00 per vase. (Single roses will come with a water pic at no extra charge.) Groups of three or more roses must be pre-ordered. Roses will be ready for pickup on Mother's Day in the Narthex at 10:00 am and Noon. A limited number of roses and vases will be available for purchase on Mother's Day. Payment is due when you pick up your roses. **Place your order on the tear-off by May 6.** Proceeds go toward Youth missions. See Alisha Balcom for details.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING?

If you or a family member are graduating (from high school, college, trade school, etc.) this year, please let us know. We would like to celebrate your accomplishment with you. **Please provide information by May 20.**



PARENTS CAN IMPACT TEENS

Tell your teen that you care. Sometimes our actions speak louder than our words. In our busy world we may forget to show or tell them.

WEDNESDAY NITERS TO BE POT-LUCK STYLE FOR A FEW WEEKS



Due to Jeanetta's recent injury, she will not be able to coordinate Wednesday Niter dinners for several weeks. However, Emmily Bennett and Jenna Rejman have graciously offered to organize Pot-luck dinners until Jeanetta can get back on her feet. The main dish (meat) and drinks will be provided. Those participating are asked to bring a side dish and a love donation. For planning purposes, we ask that you **sign up (on the tear-off) for the Pot-Luck meals and check-in when you arrive** in the same way you would for any other Wednesday Niter meal. **PERMANENT RESERVATIONS WILL**

APPLY, UNLESS YOU CANCEL. If you can help with food prep, serving, and clean-up, please indicate this on the tear-off as well. Many thanks to Emmily and Jenna—and to the Kitchen Team—for stepping up to keep our Wednesday evening fellowship going and for supporting Jeanetta as she recovers. Wednesday evening activities will resume on their usual schedules this week.

HOLSTON HOME FOR CHILDREN

On his first day at Holston Home, Josh made his way through the lunch line and filled his tray with food. When the coast was clear, he stuffed a few more handfuls of crackers in his pocket. Like Josh, many of the children who come to Holston United Methodist Home are hungry. They are starving for food, attention, and the love of Jesus Christ. In a matter of days, Josh will realize that he doesn't have to fill his pockets anymore. With your help, children like Josh can experience hope. Please pray for the ministry of Holston Home, and be prepared to give generously on Sunday, April 29.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE WILL MEET APRIL 16

The Friendship Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet in the church parlor at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 16, for a program and a time of fellowship. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU!

The Trustees want to thank AJ Pawel for the thorough inventory he completed for the Trustees and the Church. Through his efforts, Kern now has a current understanding of the Church’s assets used to perform its various ministries, serve the community, and meet the needs of its members. Our most recent inventory prior to this was completed in 2010. The Trustees are now going through AJ’s inventory and assigning replacement costs. As we venture through this task, the Trustees may be requesting the congregation’s assistance in gathering more information.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR ENCOMPASS PROMISE FORMS

Last Sunday, “yellow” 2nd quarter Encompass Promise service forms were included as inserts in your bulletin. Please take time to read over the opportunities for you to get involved in these spring and summer ministries and be sure to turn in your service forms soon. Extra forms are available for your convenience.

CAMP IN THE COMMUNITY – AT KERN THIS JUNE!



Monday through Friday, June 25–29, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Kern will be hosting camp with Holston Conference’s Camp in the Community (CITC) to provide camp for 60 children in poverty! Counselors, assistants, check-in, activities, and overall planning will be provided by the Conference.

How can you help? We need people to help on the Kitchen Team. This task includes helping to prepare, cook, and serve the food. (Food will already be provided.) We will also need people to set-up/take-down tables and chairs, and to provide extra sets of eyes to keep up with campers (must be Camp Trained). This is a great way to show love to children! **Please indicate your interest in helping on the tear-off or contact Alisha Balcom (742-4883 or balcomad@att.net).**

Register for (CITC) Now!

Registration for CITC is now open! Children in rising K–8th grades are eligible to participate. Registration forms may be picked up and dropped off in the Narthex. Sign up early to ensure that your child can attend (space limited to 60 children).

WEDNESDAY NITER POT-LUCK (APRIL 18)

Wednesday Niter dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Make reservations by **signing the tear-off.**

Main Dish: Oven Baked Chicken

Drinks: Coffee, Tea, Lemonade



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Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check here if new ___ or changed ___

DO NOT SEPARATE NAME FROM THE TEAR-OFF.

Place the tear-off in the offering plate.

Tear-off

WEDNESDAY NITER POT-LUCK (April 18)

_____ # of Reservations (Adults & children)

_____ I will bring the following side dish(es)

_____ Cancel my permanent reservation 4-18.

MOTHER’S DAY ROSES

Name (person placing order): _____

Pickup: _____ 10:00 am _____ Noon

Please indicate quantity & circle color:

_____ single **RED / WHITE** (w/water pic)
\$3 each

_____ single **RED / WHITE** (w/vase)
\$6 each

_____ **Dozen RED / WHITE** (in vase)
\$39

_____ **Dozen MIXED** (in vase)
\$39

WORSHIP BLITZ

Please indicate how many will attend on each date.

_____ April 20 – Temple Beth El

_____ April 21 – Cokesbury UMC

_____ April 22 – Braxton Chapel

PLANT & RUMMAGE SALE (4/28)

_____ I will help set-up tables

_____ Wednesday (4/25), 6:30 pm

_____ I will help with setup & pricing

_____ Thursday (4/26) _____ Friday (4/27)

_____ I will help on sale day (4/28)

_____ Floor Helper (assist shoppers)

_____ I will help with clean-up

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

(due 5/20)

Name _____

School _____

Graduation Date _____

Degree _____

Future Plans _____

Parents _____

This Week At Kern

Key: Sanctuary (S), Family Life Center (FLC), Narthex (N), Fellowship Hall (FH), Parlor (P), Theatre (T), Chapel/Prayer Room (C)

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am Early Worship Service (S)
- 9:00 am Praise and Worship Service (FLC)
- 10:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am Confirmation Class (Rm 13)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (S)
- 2:30 pm HIS Puppet Ministry (Rm 12)

MONDAY, April 16, 2018

- 9:00 am Monday Morning Maintenance (FH)
- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm Yoga (N)
- 5:30 pm Crossroads Nurturing Parenting Classes (C)
- 6:30 pm Venture Crew (N)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Friendship Circle (P)

TUESDAY, April 17, 2018

- 9:00 am Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 am Jesus and the Gospel of John (FH)
- 11:00 am Parkinson's Support Group (FLC)
- 6:00 pm AAU Basketball (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Order of the Arrow (N)

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

- 9:15 am Yoga (N)
- 10:30 am Mommy and Co. (FLC)
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Niter (FLC)
- 6:30 pm Impact Youth (Rm 14)
- 6:30 pm Happy Hookers & Knit Wits (FH)
- 6:30 pm Adult Classes
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir (S)
- 7:00 pm Praise Band (FLC)

THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

- 8:00 am Prayer Partners (P)
- 9:00 am Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 am Mary Martha Circle (FH)
- 6:00 pm AAU Basketball Practice (FLC)

FRIDAY, April 20, 2018

- 4:15 pm Youth Worship Blitz (Temple Beth El)

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

- 4:00 pm Youth Worship Blitz (Cokesbury UMC)

SUNDAY, April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 am Youth Worship Blitz (Braxton Chapel/AME Zion)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/15 Barry Cox, Tim Simerly, Heather Smyrl
- 4/16 Leanna Cate, Elaine Schamper
- 4/17 Kim Brinkman, Paul Hannon, Lila Johnson, Jean-Francois Reat
- 4/18 Mary Lou Broughton, Linda Maddox
- 4/19 Cameron Brinkman, Adam Bunch, Katie Mitchell, Cora Rhew
- 4/20 Pearl Bougrand, Holli Douglas, Jimmy Stetzel, Marah Yaun
- 4/21 Philip Allen, Brian Swail
- 4/22 Mike Murphy, Scarlett Smith



Participants in Today's Service

Early Worship Greeter	Mary Lea Hall
Early Worship Acolyte	Traci Welch
Early Worship Gospel Reader	Kay Hamrick
Early Worship Epistle Reader	Sandy Bradshaw
P&W Parking Greeters	Doug & Sheila Smith
P&W Scripture Reader	Bob McElroy
Late Outside Greeter	Dennis Sauerwein/Tom Turley
Late Narthex Greeters	Fred & Pat White
Late Worship Acolyte	Kaeden Miller
Late Worship Crucifer	Caroline Miller
Late Worship Epistle Reader	Sue Jacox
Late Worship Gospel Reader	Kathy LaFollette
Proofreader	Sherry Smyrl
Offering Counters	Ann Farrar/Wes Sims

Participants in April 22, 2018

Early Worship Greeter	Mary Ruth Little
Early Worship Acolyte	Troy Welch
Early Worship Gospel Reader	Sharon Bell
Early Worship Epistle Reader	Hayden Rouse
P&W Parking Greeters	Laura Smith/Bob McElroy
P&W Scripture Reader	Jeanetta Nutter
Late Outside Greeter	Norm Smyrl/Jimmy Stetzel
Late Narthex Greeters	Steve & Shirley Cates
Late Worship Acolyte	Alora Rejman
Late Worship Crucifer	Dawson Hughes
Children's Circle	Sue Jacox
Late Worship Epistle Reader	Kay Hamrick
Late Worship Gospel Reader	Jim Giles
Proofreader	Linda Maddox
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2018 General Fund

General Fund offering (4-8-18)	\$12,606
General Fund YTD	\$132,097
General Budget 2018	\$559,863

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