

Order of Worship
April 14, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Matthew 28:16-20, The Great Commission

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain where the risen Jesus had told them to go.

When the disciples saw him,
they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Then Jesus came to them and said,

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* #304

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Reading Through the Bible in 2024!

Search the Scriptures – Week 15, Psalms 1-50

Sunday – Psalms 1 & 8, O Lord, how majestic is your name!

Monday – Psalms 15 & 18, Who is the Rock except our God?

Tuesday – Psalms 19 & 22, God speaks at creation & cross

Wednesday – Psalms 23 & 27, We can trust the Lord at all times!

Thursday – Psalms 32 & 34, the Lord is close to the brokenhearted

Friday – Psalms 42 & 46, God is our refuge and strength

Gloria Patri – #70

Apostles’ Creed – #881

Our Favorite Hymns *Because He Lives* #364

Offering & Doxology – #95

Scripture Reading – John 20:19-23, Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Sermon

Pastor Paul

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples:
Pronouncement, Privilege, Promise**

*Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”
John 20:21*

Hymn *Go, Make of All Disciples* #571

Benediction

Cherry Valley Pancake Breakfast

After Today’s Service
Followed by Church Council

Bible Study & Prayer

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 17 at PV

Poplar Valley Church Council

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18

Delegates to General Conference
April 23-May 3, 2024

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

431 Clergy + 431 Laity = 862 Delegates

United States – 482
Africa – 278
Philippines – 52
Europe – 40
Concordat – 10

Eastern Pennsylvania Delegates

Clergy:

Dawn Taylor-Storm, Lydia Munoz, Johnson Dodla, Robin Hynica

Laity:

Judy Ehninger, Krystl Johnson, Dave Koch, Lenora Thompson

The Wesleyan Covenant Association Reports:

There is widespread and uneasy awareness that African voices and votes will be suppressed at the coming General Conference. Whether by design, default, or unintended and unexpected consequences, here are the facts: General Conference letters of invitation to African delegates were late in being sent. Consequently, many African delegates have struggled to get visa interview appointments. Some have been unable to get appointments at all. Others have attempted to get visas by traveling US Embassies/Consulates in other African nations. Of those delegates who have applied for visas, many are being denied.

For the cases where delegate visas have been denied, few letters have been sent to alternate delegates and those that have been sent have arrived only recently. Again, as a result, the only visa interview appointments available now are far past the General Conference dates. Any visa approvals for alternates seem unlikely even if they have a letter of invitation to the General Conference. At the current rate, we estimate that perhaps 70-80 of the expected 278 African delegates will be absent. That represents 29% of the African delegates whose voice will not be heard and whose vote will not be counted.



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