Anthon Community Methodist Church 4th Sunday of Easter Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson April 21, 2024 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

| Opening Song | "To God Be The Glory" | UMH #98 |
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Call to Worship

Liturgist: Eileen Klindt

- L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.
- P: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.
- L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

P: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

- L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.
- P: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

| First Reading | | 1 John 4: 7-21 |
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| Children's Story | | Shirley Nelson |
| Hymn of Preparation | "Spirit Song" | UMH #347 |
| Gospel Reading | | Luke 7: 36-39, 48-50 |

Today's Message

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns) The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the shepherds and healers and lovers that you are calling us to be. AMEN.

| Closing Hymn | "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" | UMH #569 |
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| | - | (3 verses) |

| Ministers | EVERYONE! |
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| Lay Pastor | Shirley Nelson |
| Liturgist | |
| Organist/Pianist | Eileen Van Meeteren |
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IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, and Congratulations to Turner and Becca Petersen on the birth of their little girl, Ivy Kate. Remember our Nursing Home Residents! Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 27: Marvin Hanson's 100 th Birthday Party, fellowship hall, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

April 30: Women of Faith Meeting 10:00 am.

Reminder: Pastor Walt Bernard, pastor in 1993/1995 will be celebrating his 90 th birthday on April 29. He would appreciate hearing from his Anthon friends:

Rev. Walter Bernard, 1120 Everett Road, Forest, VA 24551

May 12: Mother's Day muffins

<u>May 13:</u> Anthon Community Band Concert. Town Park. In case of bad weather, will be held in the church sanctuary. 7:00 p.m.

May 19: Pentecost and Graduation celebration.

April Readers: April 28-Jake Mitchell; May 5-Autum Hansen

April Children's Story: April 28-Andrea Mitchell; May 5-JoLynne Reimert.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Bettina Perkins (21); Bill Speirs (23); Marvin Hanson (25).

<u>Mission Committee:</u> working on the Gift of Mobility, See details on the table in the fellowship hall. We are planning a fundraiser for May 31^{st} and June 1^{st} in conjunction with the Spring Rummages in Anthon. Everything contributed will be sold for 50 cents and donated to the church for a mobility cart.

<u>All Church Cleaning</u>: We are having an all-church cleaning. There is a signup sheet on the table in the fellowship hall to sign up for windows, storage areas, or a room or space that you would be willing to clean at your convenience. We would like to have the church cleaning finished by Mother's Day, May 12th.

Mar/Apr. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Anthon Military:</u> To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You! If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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