

**Anthion Community Methodist Church**

**Easter Sunday**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**March 31, 2024 10:00 AM**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302  
verses 1-4**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Tim Hoy

L: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.  
Christ is risen.

**P: Christ is risen, indeed.**

L: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

**P: Christ is risen, indeed.**

L: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us  
now and always.

**P: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed.**

**All: Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord, this Lenten journey has been filled with the unexpected. You have asked us to look deep within ourselves, to identify the many ways in which we have turned away from you. Again, this day we ask that you open our hearts to receive your word of healing and hope. Bring us through this time with confidence and trust in your guiding love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**First Reading Acts 10: 34-43**

**The Apostle's Creed UMH #881**

Reader's Theatre "I Come to the Garden" Roger and Andrea

Children's Story Shirley

**Hymn of Preparation "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162**

Second Reading Mark 16: 1-8

Today's Message "He is Risen" Shirley

**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: Almighty and gracious God, teach us that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from you. We ask that you would bless us as we give our tithes and offerings that we can continue your kingdom's work. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364**

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist..... Tim Hoy

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, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed 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, and Brittany Miller.**

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**April 20:** Funeral Service for Kenneth Hansen, 11:00 a.m.

**April 27:** Marvin Hanson's 100 th Birthday Party, fellowship hall, 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

**April Readers:** April 7-Sue Wilson; April 14-Tricia Osborne.

**April Children's Story:** April 7-Kathy Hodgdon.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Phil Adler (31); Gaige Miller (5); Rhonda Beeson (6).

**March Mission Project:** The Gospel Mission is in need of Men's, Women's, and children's clothing, coats, shoes, all wearable items. You name it.... they need it. Now is a good time to get a jump on cleaning your closets and donate any extra clothes you may have to those who are less fortunate than we are. You can drop off clothes in the foyer of the church. We will start leaving the front doors unlocked for the month of March.

**Women of Faith** are supporting "The Place", a facility that supports abused women and men. If you would like to contribute anything, there is an orange sheet of Needs on the table in the fellowship hall.

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

**Anthon Military:** 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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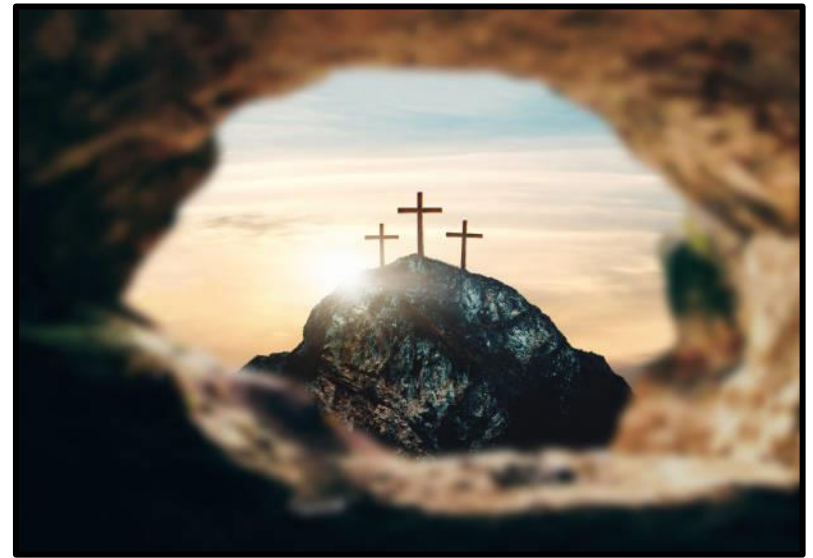
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