

**Anthon Community Methodist Church
Easter Sunday
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
April 20, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMW #302
Verses 1-4**

Call to Worship Liturgist: Duane Brandt
L: Christ is risen!
P: Hope is restored
L: Death never gets the final word.
P: He has conquered death.
L: Come, open your hearts and spirits to the Joyous Good News.
P: Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all times. Christ is Risen!

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

Special Music "The Commission" Erin Baird

Children's Story Kathy Hodgdon

Hymn of Preparation "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162

Gospel Lesson

John 20: 1-18

Today's Message

"Rejoice, He has Risen"

Shirley Nelson

God Calls Us to Respond

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

Special Music

"Calvary"

Roger Hladik

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication
All: Heavenly Father, guide us as we give today. Let our offerings be used to fulfill your will and bring glory to your name. May they provide for those in need and spread your word. AMEN.

Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives"

UMH #364

Sending Forth with Blessing
Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....Duane Brandt
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns, Mark Nelson & Sally Schram.

Bettina Perkins is in the Battle Creek Nursing Home, room 204

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 21: Bettina Perkins will be celebrating her 95th birthday tomorrow. Everyone is invited to enjoy cake and ice cream with her at the Battle Creek Nursing Home at 2:00

May 2 and 3: Anthon will be holding their town rummage. We will be having a \$1 only rummage. Everything will be priced \$1. If you would like to donate to this rummage, you will be able to bring saleable items in and putting them in the first big Sunday School room. No clothes please. Knick knacks, small appliances, magazines, coffee cups, kitchen items, CD's, DVD's etc. Anything that you are no longer using but would sell at a rummage. All money will go toward mission projects.

May 8th: Women of Faith meeting at 10:30. Lunch afterwards at Correctionville. More details following.

April Readers: April 27-Marilyn Hladik.

April Children's Story: April 27-Erin Baird.

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

March/April. 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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