

*This is the message
we have heard from him
and proclaim to you,
that God is light
and in him
there is no darkness at all.*

1 John 1:5 NRSV

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Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Service

April 7, 2024

Communion

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Leader: It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

People: We are here at the invitation of God.

Leader: In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

People: In this place, God's blessings abound.

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: Praise be to God!

Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise (please stand): *"Living for Jesus"* (TFWS 2149)

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this
is the pathway of blessing for me.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, O give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement,
didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master,
my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow his leading and give him my all.

Living for Jesus wherever I am,
doing each duty in his holy name,
willing to suffer affliction or loss,
deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him.

Song of Praise: *"Light of the World"* (TFWS 2204)

You are the Light of the World, O Lord, and you make your servant shine.
So how could there be any darkness in me if you are the Light of the World?
You are the Light of the World.

You are the Bread of Life, O Lord, broken to set us free.
So how could there be any hunger in me if you are the Bread of Life?
You are the Bread of Life

You've overcome the world, O Lord, and given us victory.
So why could I fear when trouble is near if you've overcome the world?
You've overcome the world.

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn of Preparation (please stand): *“Christ is Risen”* (UMH 307)

1 Christ is risen!
Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert
all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of
grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen!
Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness
in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of
resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our
strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen!
Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of
new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim,
demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First
and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem: “In Joseph’s Lovely Garden” An Easter Folk Song

Doxology (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluiah, Alleluiah
Praise God the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluiah, Alleluiah, Alleluiah

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession:

Confession:

God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing.

Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring.

Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith.

Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves.

Forgive us.

Draw us back to you and to one another.

Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

.....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

.....And so, In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving As a holy and living sacrifice, In union with Christ's offering for us, As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, And on these gifts of bread and wine....

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
Now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
In which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
In the strength of your Spirit,
To give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.
All: Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn (please stand): "He Lives" (UMH 310)**

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

Chorus:
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*



The Flowers on the altar are given by the Sprague-Hicks Family to the Glory of God and in honor of their grandson Micah's 1st birthday.

Easter Sunday Flowers Correction:

Easter Flowers were given by Darleene Terpstra in loving memory of her husband Ed and Family & Friends

LEADING WORSHIP – Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

Acolyte	Sarah-Grace White
Liturgist	Kaye Schrock
Head Usher	Will Cass
Ushers	Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Linda McCluskey

Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

We want to be your family of faith. We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at office@pokumc.org.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Janet Cole, Cheryl Cass, Will Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordan, Emily Griess, Betsy Grover, Tom Halloran, Sandra Hansen, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Fred Jackson, Dick James, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Duane Lueng, Betty Longobardi, Julia Miller, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Arnette Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Jeff Tryon, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Jordan Fidler, Bryan Foy, Debra Greiner, Edgar Martinez, Adonis Marzan, Hilary McAllister, Joe Pollen, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Robert Thompson-Gee, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Raymond White, Clifford Zier. The people in Ukraine.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Syria; Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE!!! We are planning another trip to Lancaster, PA to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The trip is planned for October 25 and 26. More to follow!

Friendship Circle will hold its regular meeting on April 8th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. In conjunction with the Eclipse we have Karl Loatman from the Mid-Hudson Astronomy Club. He will be giving a presentation on the Comet of 1680 as it relates to Fast Days in Albany and New Hampshire. He will also talk about Comet weathervanes on churches in the northeast and how it relates to Jonah in the Old Testament. He has been working on a book relating to this. Refreshments will be served.

Soaking Prayer – On the last Sunday of every month the Prayer Team offers Soaking Prayer in place of the Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am.

Pasta Dinner – The Hospitality Committee will be serving a traditional pasta dinner on Thursday, April 25th @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall.



Vacation Bible School

Mon, July 8 – Wed, July 10 @ 5pm – 8pm

Dinner Included

Cost: \$30 per family

Registration will begin Next Sunday, April 14.

There will also be an adult class

led by Pastor Gregg.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, April 8th – Friendship Circle @ 1pm

Tuesday, April 9th – Fellowship Discovery Luncheon @ 12pm

Sunday, April 14th – Native American Ministries Sunday

Wednesday, April 17th – April Journey Deadline

Friday, April 19th – Spring Tag Sale @ 12pm – 6pm

Saturday, April 20th – Spring Tag Sale @ 8am – 4pm

Tuesday, April 23rd – New Pastor's Bible Study starts

Thursday, April 25th – Pasta Dinner @ 5pm

Sunday, April 28th – Soaking Prayer @ 8am

Mother's Day Flower Orders Due

POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPRING TAG SALE



Save the Date:

Friday April 19 - Noon to 6:00 pm

Saturday April 20 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



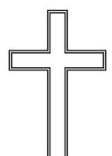
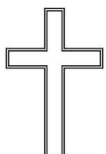
Call for Donations - Please drop off donations in Fellowship Hall when the church is open.

Please do not donate the following: - Electronics - Upholstered Furniture - Exercise Equipment - Baby Cribs - Stuffed Animals - VHS tapes

Call for volunteers - if you want to help with the sale, please contact the church office or reach out to Dale Borchert at

daleborchert@gmail.com

All Proceeds go towards PUMC Missions Projects



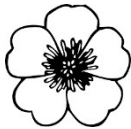
A New Pastor's Bible Study Begins on Tuesday, April 23rd @ 10:30am

Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation

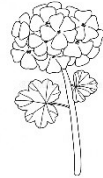
By Bruce M. Metzger, updated by David A. DeSilva

The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible? Breaking the Code Revised Edition provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a non-academic style. This revised edition includes updates based on current biblical research, as well as additional teaching from author and respected New Testament scholar David deSilva. The books are available for \$12.00 from Karyn in the office, or there is a Kindle version available from Amazon.

**POUGHKEEPSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE**



**Bouquet of Anemones for \$15
Potted Geranium for \$12**



**Pick-up in Fellowship Hall:
Saturday May 11 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Sunday May 12 - after service**

**Please Pre-Order your Flowers by Sunday, April 28
with the order form below.**

**Please make checks payable to: PUMC
Write "Mother's Day Flowers" in memo line.**

All Proceeds go towards PUMC Missions Projects

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Pick up day: ___ Sat. ___ Sunday

	Price per unit	Number of units	Subtotal	Total
Anemone Bouquet	\$15	x _____	\$	\$
Potted Geranium	\$12	x _____ RED/PINK	\$	

Opportunities for You This Week

SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

Communion

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer
8:45 Coffee w/ Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
Halo Bells
2:00 pm Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, April 8, 2024

1:00 pm Friendship Circle
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

TUESDAY, April 9, 2024

10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 pm Fellowship Discovery Luncheon
1:00 Arts & Crafts Group
5:30 PP Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 Current Events & WWJD

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2023

7:30 am Morning Prayers

THURSDAY, April 11, 2024

5:00 pm PP Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 Choir

FRIDAY, April 12, 2024

10:00 am Exercise

SATURDAY, April 13, 2024

8:30 am Gambler's Anonymous
10:30 Love INC Class

SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer Service
8:45 Coffee with Jesus
10:00 Worship Service
Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship
Halo Bells
SPRC
Worship
2:00 pm Parkside AA
6:00 Youth Group

Living For Jesus

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Light of the World

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Christ is Risen (UMH 307)

LYRICS: Brian Wren

MUSIC: Polish Carol

He Lives (UMH 310)

LYRICS: Alfred H. Ackley

MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley