

## LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	Bell Choir Concert
Monday, April 29th	6:00 pm	Soup supper and ICD sharing @ Viroqua.
Tuesday, April 30th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, May 1st	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	5:30 pm	<b>Once-a-Month Wednesday</b>
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, May 2nd	10:30 am	Exercise Group
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Saturday, May 4th	10:00 am	Decorate Birthday Tables
Sunday, May 5th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	11:45 am	Birthday Potluck

Be sure to sign up in the Narthex if you are willing to decorate a birthday table. Let's have some fun with this!

**Once-a-Month Wednesday– May 1st:** Carolyn Dressler will be here to share her VIM (Volunteers in Mission) experience with us. Carolyn spent a week at the Midwest Mission Center in Pawnee, IL where they repair and process donations to be sent out to places that need them. Let's have a good turn-out to hear Carolyn.

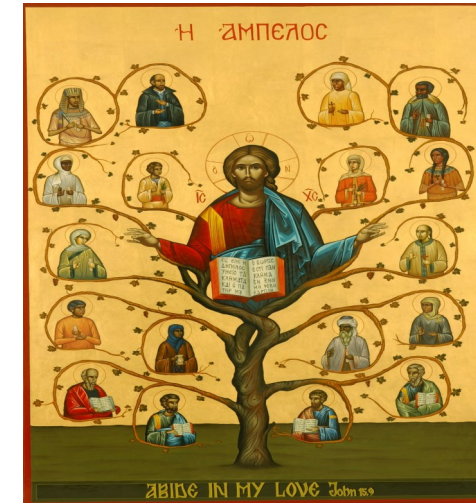
**Prayer List:** All Homebound Members, Pat M., Zoe, Jolene G., Sheila D., all those suffering from economic distress, pain and/or illness.

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# Viroqua United Methodist Church

**April 28, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**



**Viroqua UMC**  
**221 S. Center Ave.**  
**Viroqua, WI**  
**54665**

### Our Prayer

**God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.**

April 28, 2024

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

\*\*Please stand if you are able

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "QUIET PRELUDE" G. F. Handel

RINGING OF THE BELL

### GREETING

Stand before the LORD in holy fear. Glorify the LORD with reverence and awe. The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

### WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### CALLED TO WORSHIP

#### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

P. We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

L. The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

P. We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

L. If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

P. We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

L. We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

All. May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" UMH No. 64

#### \*\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

#### CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 22: 25-31 PEW BIBLE No. 661

SOLO "LOOK AT THE WORLD" John Rutter

Sung by Marcia Dooley

\*\*GOSPEL READING JOHN 15: 1-8 PEW BIBLE No. 1305

L. This is the word of God for the people of God

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "REMAIN IN ME"

\*\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "O BLESSED SPRING" TFWS No. 2076

#### CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE" Charles Callahan

\*\*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" UMH No. 397

\*\*SENDING FORTH

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*\*APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "HE LIVES" (refrain) UMH No. 310

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE "ALLELUIA" Wolfgang A. Mozart

The radio broadcast and bulletins today are given by the choir with many thanks to Cavan Fang for his leadership. His birthday was April 25th.