

## LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:45 am	<b>Birthday Potluck</b>
Monday, May 6th	6:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 7th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, May 8th	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	1:30 pm	United Women of Faith Meeting
	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Thursday, May 9th	5:00 pm	Flowerpot Workshop @ Westby
		<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>
Sunday, May 12th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship

**Mowers and Cleaners:** We are so grateful for the way people are doing their share to get the work done around here!! A reminder to sign up in the Narthex to help out.

**Community Meal:** Our church will be serving the Community Meal on June 24th. Let's meet for a few minutes after church on May 19th to plan the menu. We will also need people to help with the cooking, set up, and serving. If you can help with any of this, let us know by May 19th when we meet.

**It Ain't Easy Being Green:** This is the first **Community Conversation** in our new *Open Doors Forum Series*. Viroqua Plastic Free will present the program held in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm.

**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

**May 5, 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.**

May 5, 2024

## Sixth 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 "MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE" Benjamin M. Culli

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING

Come, let us sing to the Lord! Come and sing a new song. Shout for joy all the earth!  
Make music with guitars and singing. For all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

P. May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

L. Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space; God's inclusive love.

P. Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

L. The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

P. And also with you.

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE "O FOR A HEART TO PRAISE MY GOD" UMH No. 417

\*\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love. By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears, that with minds open to your Spirit we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name. Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and Lord. Amen!

### CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 98 PEW BIBLE No. 716

CHOIR ANTHEM "NO GREATER LOVE" Michael Joncas

\*\*GOSPEL READING JOHN 15: 9-17 PEW BIBLE No. 1305

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

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "CREATIVITY, COURAGE, AND HOPE"

### CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

\*\*COMMUNION HYMN "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" UMH No. 618

THE LORD'S TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER

OFFERING "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE" French Melody/Nelson

\*\*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "TRUST AND OBEY" UMH No. 467

\*\*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 "O LIVING GOD" SCREEN

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE "YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY" Douglas E. Wagner

The radio broadcast and bulletins today are given by members and friends of the church.