

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are to Celebrate the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Brian & Karen Rowe on April 16th and Brian's birthday today. Presented by Brian & Karen Rowe

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Altar Flowers are to Welcome Spring. Presented by Charles & Mary Ann Shreve

**In Our Hearts and Prayers**

**Current Prayer Concerns:      Ongoing Prayer Needs:**

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Bob & Sandra            | Peg McDowell        |
| Debbi Weatherman        | Chris Stepp         |
| Emmitt Thomas Constable | Rob Shively         |
| Julie Kruse             | Vera Hodges         |
| Adalyn Smith            | Mark Rombach        |
| Chuck Clifton           | Gene Binning        |
| Mike Viox Family        | Kay Leavens         |
| Gary Rutter             | Mary McKenzie       |
| Bryan Hyden             | Edith Doughty       |
| Mary Lou Coldeway       | Russ Batterson      |
| Barb Hoffman            | Pat & Bob Patterson |
| Nate Wehrman            | Larry Eynon         |
| Nick Kaiser             | Betty Chandler      |
| Dave Heckaman           | Bob Wallace         |
| Susan Medert            | Jane Lindahl        |
| Dennis Robich           |                     |
| Karl Bucholz            |                     |
| Ryan Corbett            |                     |
| Lois Wallace            |                     |

**SUNDAY, April 21, 2024**

9:00am- 10:00am First Service, Great Hall  
9:30am- 10:00am Kids Church  
10:30am- 11:30am Second Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am- 11:30am Kids Church

**MONDAY, April 22, 2024**

6:30pm -8:30pm BSA Scouts, room 203, & Great Hall  
7:00pm-8:00pm Stephen Ministry, Parlor  
7:00pm -9:00pm Chorale practice

**TUESDAY, April 23, 2024**

**Announcement requests due**

9:30am-10:00am Staff Prayer Team (Library)  
10:00am-11:00am Staff Meeting (Library)  
11:00am- 3:00pm Stitch n Fun (Second floor) room 202  
4:00pm- 6:15pm WonderKids  
7:00pm AA Speaker Group, Great Hall

**WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024**

10:00am- 11:00am Prayer Meeting, Parlor  
4:00pm- 5:45pm WonderKids  
6:00pm- 7:00pm Wave Dinner  
7:00pm- 8:00pm Praise band practice, great hall

**THURSDAY, April 25, 2024**

11:00am- 3:00pm Stitch N Fun  
5:30pm- 6:30pm All Brass Ensemble  
6:00pm- 9:00pm NAMI  
6:30pm- 7:30pm Bells practice  
7:00pm -9:00pm Volley ball, great hall  
7:38pm Choir practice

**FRIDAY, April 26, 2024**

**SATURDAY, April 27, 2024**

12:noon -5:pm WonderKids Party, Great Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 28, 2024**

9:00am- 10:00am First Service, Great Hall  
9:30am- 10:00am Kids Church  
10:30am- 11:30am Second Service, Sanctuary  
10:30am- 11:00am Kids Church

# Welcome!

We're so glad you're here!  
Traditional Worship

April 21, 2024



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# Fourth Sunday of Easter Festival of God's Creation Sunday

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

April 21, 2024

Brass Prelude "Trumpet Voluntary"

Announcements and the Gift of Prayer (Breath Prayer)  
"Enable me to extend myself to others." Deb Johnson

\*Opening Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me"  
Vss 1,2,3 #381

\*Call to Worship Pastor Bill

Leader: We have gathered here to renew our faith in the risen Christ, to affirm our love for him, and to pledge to serve him by loving and serving others.

**People: Strengthen us in that endeavor through your presence here in your house this Lord's Day. Amen.**

Leader: Let us worship God!.

\*Gloria Patri 62 #7

A Time for the Child in Us Corina

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Bill Tice  
O God, you are the source of all life. All goodness and beauty flow from the depths of your being. You have caused the mountains to form and rise; their valleys you clothe with blossoms. You give birds the freedom of flight; the fish search the depths of water. You are the Great Designer who

delights in creating. We give you thanks for placing us at the pinnacle of your plan. We are humbled by the honor you give and awed by your affirmation of us. May our service to others confirm our confession that you are the God of our lives. And now with the confidence of children of God let us pray the Lord's Prayer.

**All: 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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem "Faithful Shepherd" Altar Choir

The Unison Prayer of Confession Pastor Bill Tice

**I admit to you, O God, that I am often distressed by the daily news: by the failure of nations to agree, by the insistent problems of hunger, war and the economy; by crime and immorality. I wish my sense of the presence of Christ were stronger and I had more confidence in his eternal victory over the world. Then I would not be shaken by the winds of adversity but would stand like a tree planted by living waters. Forgive my weakness, O God, and deepen my faith in your word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Pastor Bill Tice  
God's forgiveness is everlasting. His mercy is as wide as the seas. He will forgive our sins. He will restore a right spirit within us. Amen.

\*Hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd" #136

\*Lesson John 20:19-31 Pastor Bill Tice

Sermon "Seeing Jesus" Pastor Larry Kreps

A Call to Gather our Tithes, Offerings and Promises

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" # 322  
Vs 1 only with Brass

\*Our Shared Blessing

**O Lord, may the love between us be strong, may the trust between us be whole, and may the words between us be true. May our eyes truly see one another. May our ears truly hear one another. May our hearts truly touch one another. And may our souls truly hold one another, now and forever.**

\*Going Forth Pastor Bill

\*Organ Postlude George Drewyor