

April 28th, 2024

Owatonna United Methodist Church
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Weekly Prayer List

Holly Phillips; Judy Phillips;
Michelle Pittman & Tony Pyatt;
Grace Pyatt; Tom & Patricia Raetz;
Margaret Randall; Howard & Pat
Rethemeier; Arlene Rhodes;
Jeremy Saufferer; Joseph Saufferer;
Caitlin Schneider, Chelsea Schneider;
Mitchell Schneider;
Todd & Susan
Schneider: McKinley

Happy Birthday this week

Daria Stransky;
Keith Loquai;
Michael McColley
Emery Vick
Collin Vick



I was behind a week on prayers for April. Had to catch up!

If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.) or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734. (The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.



Owatonna United Methodist Church

We are called to . . .
Gather in Christ’s Name,
Grow in God’s Love,
Serve All People.

The Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28th, 2024-9:00a.m.

Prelude *My Savior's Love* arr. Albin C. Smith

† Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

* Centering Hymn *There's a Song, vs. 1* Black #2141

Call to Worship:

L: Christ is the vine, and we are branches.
P: We humbly come to reconnect with the one who gives us life.
L: The branches that abide in the vine bear much fruit.
P: We come to abide in Christ's love.
L: We come to worship Christ, the True Vine, nourished and tended by God's hand.
P: May we grow in faith, healthy and strong, and bearing much fruit.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, send your Spirit among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace

* Hymn of Praise *For the Beauty of the Earth* Red #92

Prayer of Confession Screen

Words of Assurance

* Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Red #121

Children's Time

New Testament Lesson 1 John 4: 7-21

Chancel Choir Response *Let Us Love One Another* Arnold B. Sherman

Gospel Reading John 15: 1-8

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:
P: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Message "Bearing Fruit" Pastor Lisa

* Hymn *O Blessed Spring vs. 1,2,3,5* Black #2076

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer Screen

Offering

* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95

Offering Prayer

* Closing Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Black #2223

Benediction

Postlude *Passacaglia* Gordon Young

* Please stand as you are able.

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.