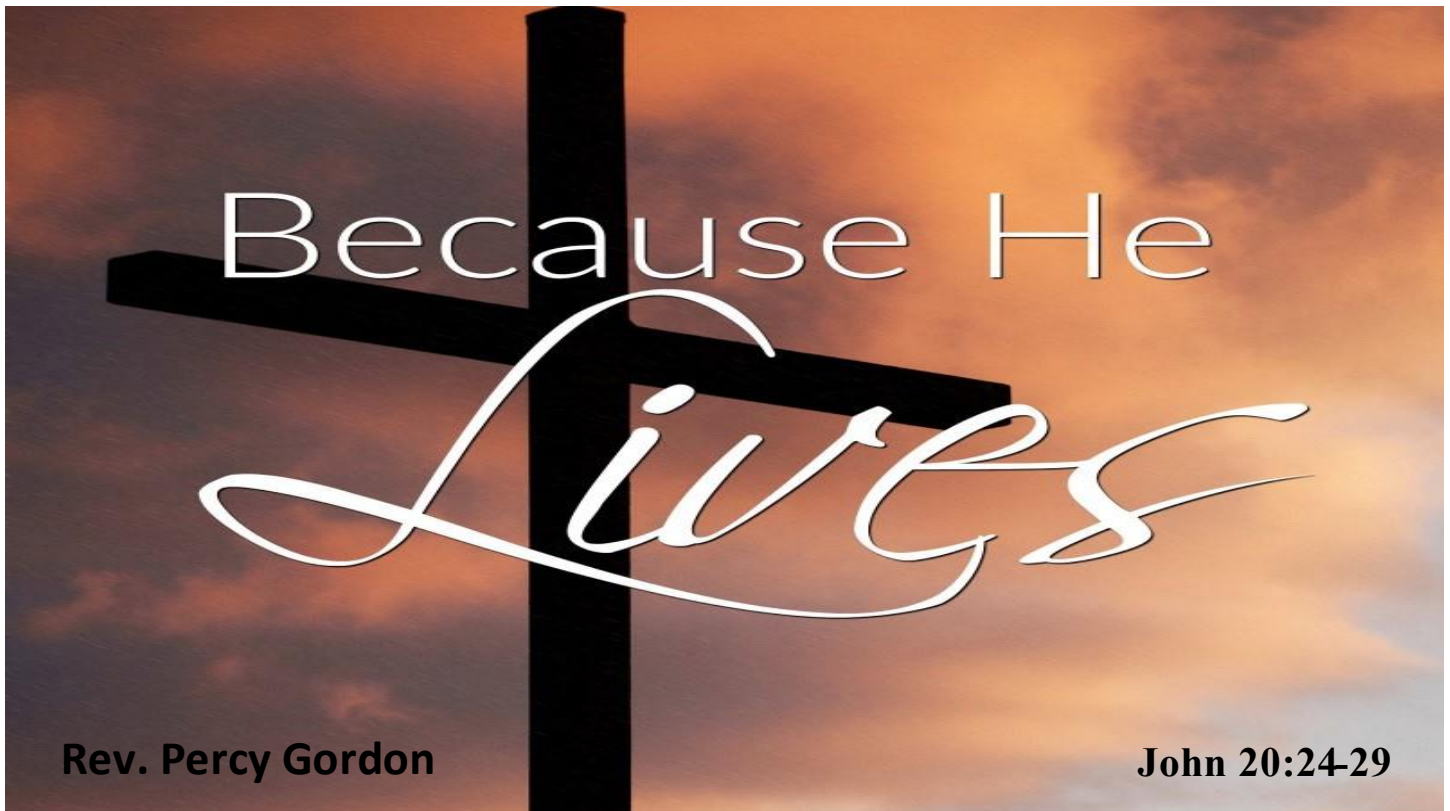


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Our Vision & Mission

“Shining the Light of God’s Love”

Through

Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach

“Second Sunday of Easter”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

PRELUDE

“Give Me Jesus”

Julie Propst

(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

UMH 814

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive” (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

His cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

His love in death shall never die.

In every insult, rift, and war,

where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

he suffers still, yet loves the more,

and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! No longer bound

to distant years in Palestine,

he comes to claim the here and now

and dwell in every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news

to this and every age,

till earth and all creation ring with joy,

with justice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.; Music: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789; CCLI License #1229420

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Job 19:25-27

Leader: “We know that Our Redeemer lives.”

Congregation: I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

MORNING PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Lord, Speak to Me” (v. 4)

UMH 463

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow

in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7); Music: Adapt. From Robert Schumann, 1839; CCLI License # 1229420

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

“I’m Gonna Sing”

FUMC Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken 1674, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623; CCLI License #1229420

*PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

*PASSING THE PEACE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes 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.

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.

Words & Music: Alfred H. Ackley; CCLI License # 1229420

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:24-29 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“Because He Lives”

Rev. Percival Gordon

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Words: Gloria & William J. Gaither, 1971; Music: William J. Gaither 1971; CCLI License # 1229420

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“He Lives”

UMH 310

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.

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.

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.

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

**Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given by Bob & Deb DePorter in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary and by
Ernie & Mickie Scott in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary.

“Second Sunday of Easter”

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

“This is Amazing Grace”

“Christ be Magnified”

“Mighty to Save”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Karen Dulemba

DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

PRAYER TIME

OFFERING

“Lord Will Provide”

BIBLE READING

John 20:24-29

MESSAGE

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ALTAR CALL / CLOSING

“Worthy”

BENEDICTION

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

John 20:24-29 (NIV)

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Every Member Prayer List – Please pray for the following this week: Maria Fuentes Delacruz, Betty Gajate, Luis & Marie Ann Garcia, Todd & Catherine Gary, Edgar Gayosa & Maria Elena Ticona, Thomas & Jean Gifford, Michelene Gilbert & Kaylee Charles.

The Lord's Supper – Communion is available each Sunday morning between 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Bread and juice, as well as guide sheets to lead you through your time communing with God, are available in the Prayer Room in the back of the Sanctuary.

Prayer Meeting - During Lent we were encouraged as a body of Christ to read and join a small group to discuss the book, "Draw the Circle/The 40 Day Prayer Challenge." In a continuation of this engaging book about prayer we want to continue to pray together with the insights we learned. We will be meeting together to pray on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm, Room 101, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28. Regardless if you read the book, join us as we seek God together.

Children's Book Drive - We are in need of books for grades Kindergarten thru 2nd to give out at VBS in June! Please get them to the church office by June 9th so I can sort and label them. Thank you for your help, Pat Orlandi

Pathfinders Sunday School Class has been viewing and discussing the video series "Christianity and World Religions" in Room 105 at 11:00 am. This continues through the month of May. Come and join us!

VBS 2025 – Save the date June 23rd -27th. Registration starts May 15th. Volunteer registration is open now at vbspro.events/p/ecad37

Food Pantry – We serve families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. Special needs this month: RICE. We also offer clothing through **Hope's Corner**. Clean, gently used clothing is accepted. Special needs: men's shirts and long pants.

Presence in Worship for 4/20: 623 Sunday School:

Financial Update – Last week we received \$12,570.10 toward our weekly need of \$19,784.25. So far in the month of April we received \$64,006.53 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



Online/Mobile Giving – You can make your donations at pslfumc.com by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

Meetings This Week

BLC – Beacon Life Center OC – Outreach Center

Sunday

4/27 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
4/27 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
4/27 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
4/27 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
4/27 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
4/27 9:30a High School Sunday School/103, BLC
4/27 10:00a Haitian Church/1, OC
4/27 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
4/27 11:00a Pathfinders/105, BLC
4/27 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
4/27 6:30p Youth/4, OC

Monday

4/28 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry/102, BLC

Tuesday

4/29 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
4/29 10:00a Food Pantry/2, OC
4/29 10:30a Alanon/101, BLC
4/29 6:30p Witness Team/103, BLC
4/29 6:15p NA/1, OC

Wednesday

4/30 6:45a Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
4/30 10:00a Visitation Team/105, BLC
4/30 5:30p Bell Ensemble Practice/Sanctuary
4/30 6:30p Prayer Meeting/101, BLC
4/30 6:30p AA/1, OC
4/30 6:30p Lighthouse Kids/Ark
4/30 6:30p Youth/4, OC
4/30 7:00p Praise Team/100, BLC
4/30 7:00p Haitian Bible Study/2, OC

Thursday

5/1 9:00a Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
5/1 9:30a Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
5/1 5:30p Safe Space/1, OC
5/1 7:00p Choir Practice/Sanctuary
5/1 7:00p Nar-Anon/2, OC
5/1 7:00p Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p