EASTER SUNDAY AT WEST MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

*congregation standing

PRE SERVICE MUSIC Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 145 Mark Gourley

BELL PEAL AND TOLLING OF THE HOUR

Mary Frances Gourley Brodie Buchanan

WELCOME Drew Herring

CHORAL PRELUDE Christ Is Now Arisen Sanctuary Choir (PERSONENT HODIE) K. Lee Scott, arr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Drew Herring

Christ is Risen.

He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN 194 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today The Church

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 2 John Bishop

We believe in Jesus who emptied himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

*EASTER RESPONSE 195 (Tune REGENT SQUARE)

The Church

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

CHILDREN'S FLOWER CROSS

*HYMN 215 Rejoice, the Lord Is King The Church

PRAYERS Jennifer Clatterbuck

ANTHEM On The Third Day (Allen Pote) Sanctuary Choir Jon Lawton, soloist; Judy Gourley, handbells, Sandie Parker, piano

SERMON Seeds of Resurrection Drew Herring
John 20: 1-18

*HYMN 223 Crown Him with Many Crowns The Church

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING John Bishop

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Praise the Lord (from Judas Maccabaeus) Sanctuary Choir Georg Frideric Handel; Hal Hopson, arr.

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

The Church

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE NEW CREATION

Revelation 5: 11-14

Jennifer Clatterbuck

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said,

"Amen,"

And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*RESPONSE (Hymn 1)

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Church

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

POSTLUDE

**Hallelujah! (Messiah)*

G. F. Handel; arranged for piano/organ duet, Lani Smith

**Mark Gourley, organ*

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Thank you to Jon Lawton, *soloist*; Judy Gourley, *handbells*; Sandie Parker, *pianist*; Mary Frances Gourley and Brodie Buchanan, *bell ringers* and to Raylen Rubio, *worship helper* for assisting in worship this morning.

2023 West Main Mission Offering Our Goal: 20,000

This morning we begin collecting our annual West Main Mission Offering. The WMMO was created in 1999 to connect the congregation more directly to its missions giving. The Missions Committee receives recommendations and determines, with congregational approval, which missions will be supported by the offering each year. The 2023 WMMO will support:

Project Ruth/Romania.	6,000
God's Storehouse	1,800
Harvest Pack	0*
House of Hope	2,500
Good News Jail Ministry	2,000
Ascension Lutheran/Grace & Main Meal	1,700
Transitions Pregnancy Center	1,000
Habitat for Humanity	1,500
CBF Earthquake Relief	<u>3,500</u>
	\$20,000

^{*}Harvest Pack will be funded for 2 yrs. with Ann Beyer's mission bequest of 12,000.00. This year, all funds raised over this \$20,000 goal will go to buildings and grounds maintenance and improvement projects.

We will collect our 2023 WMMO through Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

No Emmaus Café This Wednesday, April 12 due to Spring Break

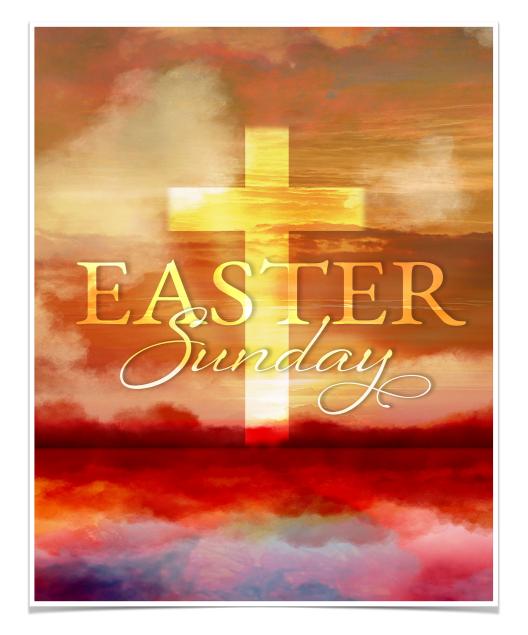
Menu For April 19th: Tacos w/fixins, Rice, Fruit & Dessert

Our final Emmaus Café of the semester is April 26th. Deacon hot dog supper & brownie sundaes!

COMING UP:

- The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 10th, in observance of Easter.
- April 23 Children's Sunday we will recognize our WEE Center teachers and families. Children's choir will sing.
- May 7 Baptism

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April 9, 2023 West Main Baptist Church