

EASTER SUNDAY AT WEST MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *At Easter-tide* Mark Gourley
Charles Villiers Stanford

WELCOME Drew Herring

*CALL TO WORSHIP Drew Herring
Christ is Risen.
He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 194 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* The Church

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Sean Timmons
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

*RESPONSE v 1 (tune: ST. DENIO) *We Welcome Glad Easter* The Church
We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose, and won a great victory over His foes. Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

CHILDREN'S FLOWER CROSS

*HYMN 223 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* The Church
Introduction composed and published by Gary Ferguson

PRAYERS Jennifer Clatterbuck

ANTHEM *Christians, Celebrate and Sing!* Sanctuary Choir
Lloyd Larson

SERMON "Afraid, But On The Way" Drew Herring
Mark 16: 1-8

*HYMN 415 *Lift High the Cross* The Church

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Gerald Adcock

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *All Earth With A Gladsome Voice* Sanctuary Choir
Antonio Vivaldi; 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! Alleluia!**

*THE NEW CREATION Revelation 5: 11-14 Sean Timmons
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 (v 1) *Holy, Holy, Holy* The Church
Holy, 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!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Hallelujah!* (from *Messiah*) Sandie Parker, *piano*
G. F. Handel; arranged for piano/organ duet, Lani Smith Mark Gourley, *organ*

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of our Risen Lord
and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Marion C. Sasser by John and Ann Evans.*

Thank you to Sandie Parker and Caroline Wilson
for assisting in worship this morning.

2024 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 2024 WMMO will support:

Project Ruth/Romania	\$6,000
Harvest Pack	\$0*
God's Storehouse	\$3,000
House of Hope	\$3,500
Good News Jail Ministry	\$2,000
Ascension Lutheran/Grace & Main Meal	\$1,700
Grace & Main (General Fund)	\$800
Transitions Pregnancy Center	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000
Total Goal	\$20,000

**Harvest Pack will be funded for 2 yrs. with Ann Beyer's mission bequest of 12,000.00.*

ECHO Trips are planned for Thursday, April 18th and Thursday, May 16th.
 See the ECHO board for details.

No Emmaus Café This Wednesday

April 3rd due to Spring Break

Menu For April 10th: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread & Dessert

Menu for April 17th: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit and Dessert

Our final Emmaus Café of the semester is April 24th. Deacon hot dog supper & brownie sundaes!

COMING UP:

- The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 1st, in observance of Easter.
- April 21 - Children's Sunday - we will recognize our WEE Center teachers and families. Children's choir will sing.
- 4:00 P.M. Ordination of Sean Timmons
 - Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall



March 31, 2024
West Main Baptist Church