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Second Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

David Diebold, guest organist

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

He Lives – vs. 1 & 3

No. 226

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

Opening Prayer

Brooke Reid

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

Claire Baer

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

Sing Down in My Soul – Estes

W.F. George Middle School Choir

Teresa Archambo, director

Sermon

So That You May Know

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us – vs. 1 & 3

No. 231

***Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,
Christ who once upon a hilltop, raised against the power of sin,
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!
Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Emily Wilson

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Craig Reynolds & John Cook

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Brooke Reid

Offertory

An Irish Blessing – Mayo

W.F. George Middle School Choir

Teresa Archambo, director; Laura Pease, oboe

Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind – vs. 1 & 2

No. 594

***Dear Lord, and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find
in deeper reverence, praise.***

***In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

David Diebold, guest organist

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Lou Murdock given by Larry & Linda Carr, Diana Costello, Dan & Carole Davis, Glenn & Linda Tole,
Kerry & Sharon Roach, Craig & Sheila Reynolds.

In memory of Peggy Fitts given by W. Lee & Lisa Roberts.

Sermon Notes

1. Immense crowds

2. The miraculous

3. A surprise solution

4. Literally paralyzed

5. It began with...

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 405/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
Monday, April 17		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
1:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Group 1 Mtg	3707 Regina
2:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 18		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, April 19		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
12:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Group 2 Mtg	Room 405
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (Pre-K-5)	Room 402
6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 305
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, April 20		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
12:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 405
Friday, April 21		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, April 22		

VBS Registration Is Open!

Vacation Bible School registration is now open! Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us on a space adventure to explore where God's power can take them! Along the journey, voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God! Register on our website: firstchristianwf.com

Christian Women's Fellowship Group Meetings

Group 1 will meet on Monday, April 17th, at 1:00 pm at Kaye Holland's home, 3507 Regina Circle.

Group 2 will meet on Wednesday, April 19th, at 12:00 noon in Room 405.

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SUNDAY,
APRIL 23
12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch provided



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