

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*An asterisk (\*) indicates all may stand if able.  
Please sign the pew pad.*

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

**PRELUDE** "Surely the Presence"- Kelly Kerner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Don Self

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 John 4, John 15)** – Donna Goede

As members of Christ's tree of life,

**we are connected, in love, to God.**

As members of Christ's tree of life,

**we are connected, in love, to one another.**

As members of Christ's tree of life,

**we are strengthened in our connection through worship.**

**\*HYMN #358** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**CHILDREN'S TIME** - Donna Goede

**CONFESSION OF SIN (Acts 8, Psalm 22, 1 John 4, John 15)**

**Speak truth to our hearts, O God.**

**Speak love to our lives,**

**that we may remain in your love**

**and share your love joyously with others.**

**Speak grace to our souls,**

**that we may rest in your grace**

**and forgive others as we have been forgiven.**

**Speak mercy to our world,**

**that all the world may know your love**

**and find redemption in your grace.**

**In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Reflection*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #476** "I Need Thee Every Hour"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")**

**ANTHEM** "On Eagle's Wings"

**OFFERTORY**

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**\*DOXOLOGY #34**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE** John 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Abiding in Love" - Rev. David Poe

**\*HYMN #465** "Lord, Be Glorified"

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**Prayer Requests:**

**Ongoing Concerns:** Gary Malone, Ava Grace Martin, Marv, Eydie, Tim Nance, Bev Dautenhahn.

**Cancer:** Casey Redman, Noah Owens, Anita Patriarca, Bill Sunderman, Marlina Cole

**Grieving:** Rosner family (loss of Charlie), Osterhage family (loss of Janet)

**Other Health Concerns:** Rev. Adrian McLean, Frank Kohn, Sondra Thee, Jason Port. Cheyenne Radaslic

## This Week's Calendar:

Today	8:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
	10:00-2:00	Medical Equipment Drive
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
	8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School

**Bulletins:** In honor of Kelly Krener and the Choir from Clardean Schmieder.

**Birthdays:** Pam Bak (4/30), Abigail Dishner (5/2)

**Today's Leaders:** Jim Allemann, Dale Rose

**Last Week's Attendance:** 58 and 71

**Feed My People** needs personal hygiene items.

**Pastor Poe** will be on vacation April 25-27 and April 29-May 4.

**St. Louis Association Spring Gathering** will be held on Thursday, May 2nd with dinner between 5:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Lucas United Church of Christ. The registration fee is \$20. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the UCC. Her theme is: *The Outpouring of God's Spirit: Spirituality and the Church*. Contact Pastor Poe, 636-667-2541 to register.

**Missouri Mid-South Conference Women's Retreat** May 3-5, 2024 at Camp MoVal. Check-in begins at 5:00 PM on Friday, and the event concludes at 11:00 AM on Sunday. The theme for the weekend is God's World, Handle with Care. We will focus on caring for God's world. Full Weekend Cost: \$150, Day Only: \$75. The deadline to register is April 23. For Questions on the event, please contact Alysha Petry [apetry@zionunion.org](mailto:apetry@zionunion.org)

### Registration Links:

Women's Retreat Full Weekend: <https://tinyurl.com/mrv6uchp>

Women's Retreat (Day Only): <https://tinyurl.com/5ha84ey7>



***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
***April 26, 2024, 9:30 a.m.***

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## MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

### Anniversaries

- 25 Gary & Gerri Malone
- 26 Michael & Teri Finan-Chollet
- 29 Kevin & Meredith Ogden

### Birthdays

- 02 Abigail Dishner
- 10 Donna Herron
- 13 Esther McNamee
- 14 Allen Ross
- 14 Billie York
- 18 Lee Peterson
- 18 Cheyenne Radaslic
- 19 Cheryl Patton
- 20 Mike Orzel
- 22 Larry Lewellen
- 25 Linda Port
- 28 Beverly Dautenhahn

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**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**  
**ST. MARTIN UNITED**  
**CHURCH OF CHURCH,**  
**HIGH RIDGE**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
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