

West Barre United Methodist Church

**May 4, 2014
Third Sunday of Easter**



9:00 am, Worship

*CHORUS:

"God Is So Good"

"God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.

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GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is alive and we are not alone in this world!

PEOPLE: Easter is true! Let us give thanks and praise to our living Lord.

Pastor: Let the faith and joy of our celebration bear witness to Christ's presence and power among us.

PEOPLE: Let us worship the God of the resurrection, the God of eternal life! Amen

*OPENING HYMN:

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

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*LITANY OF EASTERTIDE

Pastor: Following His resurrection, Christ appeared in a new and glorified body, whereby He testified to the fact that His spiritual presence would always be with His followers.

PEOPLE: As He appeared to Mary Magdalene, burdened with tears of sorrow at the death of her Master, He revealed that He had conquered death. May the spirit of the Risen Christ comfort us in our sorrow and remind us of the promise of eternal life.

Pastor: As He revealed His mysterious presence to those who walked on the road to Emmaus with downcast hearts, He lifted them to new hope.

PEOPLE: May the spirit of the Risen Christ bring hope to us as we call upon Him in the midst of our discouragement and defeat.

Pastor: As He returned to the disciples, drifting upon the sea in the midst of confusion, He guided them to a new life of devotion and service.

PEOPLE: May the spirit of the Risen Christ guide us as we walk through the darkness of a materialistic world, sometimes forgetting and denying Him.

Pastor: As He came to Thomas, in the midst of his suspicion and doubt, He restored the faith of His disciples in God and in Himself.

PEOPLE: May the spirit of the Risen Christ help us to return to a strong spiritual faith from the depths of doubt and skepticism.

Pastor: As He prepared the disciples for His final departure, Christ assured them that His spiritual presence would always be with them.

PEOPLE: May the spirit of the Risen Christ speak to us, as He did to His disciples long ago – "Lo, I am with you always." Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2:141, 36-41 pg. 119
New Testament Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23 pg. 232

CHOIR ANTHEM:

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OF OURSELVES

Offertory Music:

- *Doxology #95
- *Prayer of Dedication

JOYS, CONCERNS & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

God of tenderness and power, source of love and compassion, You have set our world spinning, our feet to dancing and the rivers to flowing. We stand before You praying for the love that casts out our fears, and for the strength to speak boldly and to act with compassion in your name. You know the ways we hide from You and from ourselves; how we bury our doubts and nurse our resentments.

But your Easter is a new dawn, the light of hope, forgiveness, and power. Let your healing light bind up our wounds. Let your forgiving light take away our sins. Let your smiling light fill us with joy, and let your shepherd light guide us along the right paths. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please see Pew Card)*

*HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" # 145

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 pg. 90

MORNING MESSAGE: "In Our Midst"

PASTORAL PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

*CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" # 369

*CHRIST'S LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON BENEDICTION IN SONG "Allelu, Allelu"

"Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!
For the Lord has risen it is true;
Everybody sing Allelu!"

*POSTLUDE

* Means please stand if you are able.

The words to the Gloria Patri, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology are printed on the laminated Pew Cards that are located in Hymnal Rack.

Please see an Usher if you would like the following:

- Activity packets for use by children during the worship service.
- Audio equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pew Bibles

GOD'S SERVANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Organist: Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director: Hugh Dudley
Greeters & Ushers: Reed & Joy Markle
Lay Reader: Lynette Preston
Communion Servers: Lynette Preston &
Flowers: in memory of loved ones
Nursery: Samantha Markle &
Children's Church: None – Communion Sunday
Bulletin Secretary: Sherril Hickman

Located on the center aisle of each row are Ritual of Friendship pads. We ask that members and visitors alike sign and pass the pad. When all have registered, please return it to the center aisle. Thank you.

During May our highlighted Mission project is the Golden Cross offering. You can read more about this in the April Newsletter. Thank you.

Our Church Life Together

Today, May 4, 2014: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

Monday, May 5: 7:00 pm, Administrative Council

Tuesday, May 6: **6:00 pm, Hospitality Committee; 7:00 pm, Choir**

Wednesday, May 7: **Pastor Larry's Day off**

Saturday, May 10 **7:00 am, West Barre UMM Breakfast; 10:00 am, Book Signing at Church Store and Church Open House**

NEXT SUN. May 11: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

Next Week –May 11:

Greeters: Vicky Housenecht & Cheryl Maxon

Ushers: Vicky Housenecht & Cheryl Maxon

Liturgist: Eleni Dudley

Flowers: Vicky Housenecht

Nursery:

Children's Church: Danny Shuler & Vicky Housenecht

Lectionary for May 11:

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Luke 24:13-35

Financial Statement: Offering Last Sunday

Giving on April 27, 2014: \$1728.00

Giving to Date: \$25,341.35

Birthdays This Week: May 4, 2014

5 Bonnie Baron

6 Ruth Shewan **Happy Birthday**

7 Russ Maxon

Anniversaries This Week: May 4, 2014

5 Robert and Roberta Call

10 Dan and Lee Preston **Happy Anniversary**

The following weeks we will be listing a food item to fill the food Pantry. This week's item is **Pork and Beans**, or item of one's choice. Thank You

Ruth Miller is collecting manufacturers' coupons for military families. Please put the clipped coupons in a collection box located in the church's chapel. Coupons may be up to 2 months expired. Thank you.