

Today's Scripture

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Zambra* Gloria Axelson

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-25

HYMN (please remain seated) *Thine Be the Glory* No. 308

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

HONEST DOUBT

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory *Lamb of God*

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Twila Paris
Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection* No. 303

*BENEDICTION

Go and proclaim the Risen Christ.

We are Easter people---
filled with hope, life and love.

Alleluia.

Amen!

*RESPONSE *Because He Lives* (refrain) No. 364

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

POSTLUDE *Easter Recessional* Chester Norman

* Please stand as able.

1 Peter 1:3-9 t

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-25

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Today's Liturgist: Cristy van Hooke

ALL-CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEEK	ATTENDANCE				TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO		
03/19	39	54	93	39	132	\$3,426
03/26	28	65	93	19	112	\$1,603
4/2	32	60	92	25	117	\$7,322
4/9	46	78	124	29	153	\$6,360
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Budgeted: \$252,560 YTD Received: \$242,361						
Easter Budgeted: \$3,300 Easter Received: \$3,023						
<i>Let's see if we can make our Budgeted Easter Offering - just \$277 to go!</i>						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

**ENDOWMENT/
ELT SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Next Sunday-April 23
Hosted by*

**AGUMCC
CHILDREN'S
CENTER**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES



- Mon Apr 17** 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH.
- Tue Apr 18** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH,
10:00 AM Sew n Sews—MMR, 11AM Chair Yoga--CH,
5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
- Wed Apr 19** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day,
10:00 AM UWF Steering Committee--L,
2:00 PM Church Council--MM.
- Thu Apr 20** 9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 4:30 PM AGUMCC Board--MM.
5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
- Fri Apr 21** 10:30 AM UWF Book Club--L
- Sat Apr 22** 11:00 AM-1:00 PM General UWF Luncheon Meeting--CH
- Sun Apr 23** 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- Sun Apr 23** 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

Abbreviation Legend
 CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary
 K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123
 MMR--McMillen Room #113
 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm
 #115

FUTURE EVENTS

- Sun Apr 23--11:30-12:00 AGUMCC SUNDAY**, followed by an Art Show, Silent Auction & Ice Cream Social presented by the Children's Center.
- Tue Apr 25--1:00 PM** A new Bible Study in Criswell Hall is starting, to study Adam Hamilton's recent book entitled "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws". Contact Nancy St. Laurent after worship services to obtain a copy of the book..
- Sun Apr 30--4:00 PM MOVIE "80 for Brady"** starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Rita Moreno, Sally Fields and Tom Brady. Four best friends embark on a wild trip to see their hero play in the 2017 Super Bowl. Movie in Criswell Hall: Program Ministry.
- SAT May 13--11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Mother's Day Tea** in Criswell Hall and sponsored by United Women in Faith.
- Sat July 15--Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo.** More details to come from the United Women in Faith.



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April 16, 2023

10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

*Christ is alive, and goes before us.
 Alleluia!*

PRELUDE *There is a Redeemer/Come, Thou Almighty King* Green/de Giardini
 arr. Carol Tornquist

HANDBELL INTROIT *Easter Song* Annie Herring, arr. Leonard G. Lutz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Our spirits rejoice.
 Let worry and fear be gone!
Christ dwells with us.
 Alleluia!
He is risen!

*OPENING HYMN *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* No. 304

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Easter,
 As daylight lengthens and spring unfolds,
 we celebrate the Great Fifty Days of Easter.
 May its truths find fertile soil deep within our hearts,
 that joy may grow, and hope rise within us.
 Renew our hearts, refresh our spirits.
 and quicken our minds,
 as we follow the Risen Christ.
 Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *He is Lord* No. 177
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *He is Lord* No. 177