

SCRIPTURE Acts 7:55-60
John 14:1-14

CHORAL ANTHEM *Fly Away Medley* arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON "TRAVEL A NEW PATH" Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING
Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd* Todd Kendall
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication 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!*

HYMN (please remain seated) *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 618

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Communion Music *Blessings* Laura Story/arr. Carol Tornquist

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ the Victorious* No. 653

*BENEDICTION

As you leave this place,
know that our worship is only the beginning.

Faith is lived out as we follow God's lead.

In all that you see, hear, and take into your heart,
know that the love of Christ is with you.

*RESPONSE *Fly Away* (reprise)

POSTLUDE *Open the Gates of the Temple* arr. Roger C. Wilson

* Please stand as able.

Acts 7:55-60

Today's Scripture

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

John 14:1-14

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to

him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Today's Liturgist: Priscilla Alquist

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

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
04/09	46	78	124	77	201	\$6,360
04/16	38	48	86	38	124	\$1,577
04/23	30	103	133	41	174	\$1,412
04/30	32	63	95	16	111	\$3,848
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Needed (Budgeted): \$271,040 YTD Received: \$249,198						
Easter Budgeted: \$3,300 Easter Received: \$4,069						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next Sunday-May 14
Hosted by

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Announcement: Please note that the 9:00 AM Senior Exercise groups are not meeting during the month of May. This is only temporary!

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Mon May 08** 6:00 PM Quilt Class--CH.
- Tue May 09** 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH,
1:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study--CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
- Wed May 10** 9:00 AM Church Work Day, 10:00 AM UWF Steering--CH
- Thu May 11** 10:00 AM Clergy Cluster--MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR,
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
- Fri May 12** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Set up for Tea-CH
- Sat May 13** 11:00 AM UWF Mother's Day Tea--CH
- Sun May 14** 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- Sun May 14** 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

**Invite Your
To Join Us
At Our
Church**



Sat May 13-11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Mother's Day Tea in Criswell Hall is sponsored by United Women in Faith. Fun entertainment by Mary Hawkins & the Clarks, so brush off your Western Hat (or Western Tea Hat?) Cost is \$15 each.



Mon May 15--ELT Scholarship Deadline

Sat July 15--Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo

A FUN FUNDRAISER!



Coming to you from UWF!

Sign up now!



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

275 N. Halcyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

May 7, 2023

10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Travel a new path!
It may be the way to find
what you have been looking for all along."

PRELUDE *Jesus is All the World to Me* Will Thompson/arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT *This is the Day* No. 657

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun rises in the morning,
let all creation worship God.
From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,
let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord.
God alone is worthy to be praised.
God alone makes all things new!

*OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God,
You meet us where we are.
**We gather from many places in life,
and come together as one in Christ.**
In worship, open our eyes to see your glory,
**open our ears to hear your voice,
and our minds to receive your word.**
Through this Holy Communion, we celebrate
your presence with us.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer	<i>Guide My Feet</i>	TFWS #2208
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Choral Response	<i>Guide My Feet</i>	TFWS #2208