



# First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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8:30 AM

April 7, 2024

## Second Sunday of Easter

*"I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life." ---John 8:12*

OPENING PRAISE *All the People Said Amen*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *Shout to the Lord  
Great is Our God  
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Jesus Be the Center*

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1-2=02

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
*Beyond Grief*

OFFERING *Trust and Obey*

COMMUNION *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

FINAL BLESSING *I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice*

CLOSING *I Saw the Light*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad*

## Today's Scripture

### Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have

fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Today's Liturgist: Joseph Brown*

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
03/10	33	57	90	44	134	\$ 10,087
03/17	33	62	95	25	120	\$ 4,412
03/24	39	60	99	25	124	\$ 6,969
03/31	42	95	137	26	163	\$ 3,294

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038  
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$253,956 Budgeted \$228,951  
EASTER Received \$5,060 Easter Budgeted \$5,000

**HOSPITALITY TIME**

**Today's Hosts:**

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Next Sunday  
April 14**

**STAFF-PARISH**



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



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<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>	No Quilt Class in April
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 Chair Yoga-CH. No Bible Study today, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Trustees-MMR.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering-L., 1:30 PM Mission Team-MMR.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 1:30 PM Finance-L, 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal -S.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary

### Abbreviation Legend

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

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### Sun Apr 14 Staff-Parish Appreciation Sunday

Church staff will be honored and recognized at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.



**Sat Apr 27 All-Church Workday** 9:30-11:30 AM. Looking for volunteers young & old for small jobs around the church. A productive day of working together--is noon pizza a rumor?

**Sun Apr 28 3 PM County Band Concert** Held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd, AG. Leonard Lutz, our handbell director, is also director of the County Band.

**Sun Apr 28 MOVIE NIGHT** in Criswell Hall, 4:00 PM, to see Oscar nominee, "NYAD" Free movie and popcorn. Sign up at Connections.



**Sun May 5 United Methodist Men Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar** after 2nd service. \$10 p/p. Tickets on sale Apr 14.



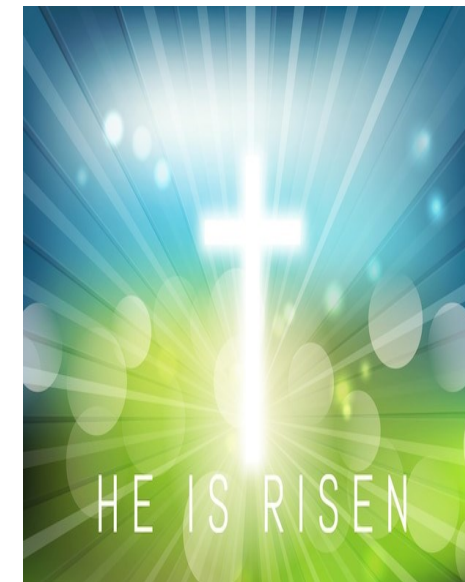
**Sat May 11 United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon**

Save the date! Tickets on sale Apr 21.

**Wed May 15** Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) or church office.

**Sat Jun 1** Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) and Lunch. Leave the church at 9:30 for 10 AM walk. Sign up at Connections.

**Sat Jun 22** We have an invitation to visit the home & garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar and watch for more information.



The Season of Easter