



First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

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8:30 AM

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.
Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.”*
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
A Testament of Hope

OPENING PRAISE *Revive Us Again*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *How Great You Are
Come Thou Fount
God I Look To You*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Come Just As You Are*

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
With God

OFFERING *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

COMMUNION *Communion Song*

FINAL BLESSING *God Is So Good*

CLOSING *Ain't No Grave*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad
Singers: Connie Clark and Pam Garza*

Today's Scripture

1 JOHN 4:7-23

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached

perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

JOHN 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Today's Liturgist: John Emery

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
03/31	42	95	137	45	182	\$ 3,294
04/07	38	61	99	38	137	\$12,356
04/14	35	62	97	24	121	\$ 2,795
04/21	37	60	97	13	110	
<p>Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$269,107 Budgeted \$240,398 Easter Received \$5,325 Easter Budgeted \$5,000 Native American Sunday Received \$132</p>						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

CHILDREN'S CENTER

Next Sunday May 5

United Methodist Men



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



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

Mon	Apr 29	1:30 PM Peoples Kitchen Prep No Quilt Class in April
Tue	Apr 30	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 11:00 AM Peoples Kitchen Serving Day, 1:00 PM Bible Study -CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Reh. -HR.
Wed	May 01	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 Church Work Morning-CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Team-Library.
Thu	May 02	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5 :00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Fri	May 03	2:00 PM Peg Gallop Memorial Service-Sanctuary.
Sun	May 05	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary UMM Taco Bar after second service-Criswell Hall..



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TODAY! Sun Apr 28 Children's Center Sunday. There will be a children's art show and they will sing at the **10:30 AM** church service. The Children's Center is also hosting the hospitality time following the service.

TODAY! 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 director of the County Band.

TODAY! Sun Apr 28 4:00 PM 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. Eat in or take out. Taco bar, rice and beans for \$10 per person. Tickets now available.



Sat May 11, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. United Women in Faith (UWF) is presenting a

SPRING LUNCHEON --

with a delicious salad bar, and featuring special entertainment already lined up! This is an event the ladies will not want to miss. Cost is \$10 per person.

Wed May 15 Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at: www.worshipweekly.com or church office.



Sat Jun 1 Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) & 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 and inspirational garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar, sign up at Connections and watch for more information.

