

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

(Please stand at points if you are able)*

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

INTROIT

Circle of Life

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH DAY PRAYER

(Indigenous author Robin Hall Kimmerer)

We now turn our thoughts to the Creator Spirit and send greeting and thanks for all the gifts of creation.

Everything we need to live a good life is here on Mother Earth. For all the love that there is still around us, we gather our mins together as one an send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator. The generosity of the land comes to us as one bowl, one spoon. We are all fed from the same bowl that Mother Earth has filled for us. It is not just about the berries, but also about the bowl. The gifts of the earth are to be shared. The moral covenant of reciprocity calls us to honor our responsibilities for all we have been given, for all we have taken.... Whatever our gift, we are called to give it and to dance for the renewal of the world. Amen.

CELEBRATION & CONCERNS

GREETING TIME

(Please be sensitive of individuals personal boundaries).

CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

*HYMN

Christ Arose

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*CALL TO CELEBRATION

God, as we gather today, we are reminded You are present to all people at all times.

Thank you for the gift of Your presence in our lives.

Holy One, You sent Jesus to show us Your love.

Thank you for the gift of Jesus.

Just as Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into the disciples, The Spirit is available to us.

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

God, may we use these gifts to be Your hands, feet, and voice. May we be your presence in the world.

Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Heal the World

CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY

After sharing the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asks the question: "Who is my neighbor?"

The Samaritan, the outcast, the enemy?

Yes, but who is else my neighbor? Jesus understood God's compassion without restriction and neighbor as a limitation, but an opportunity for inclusive love.

The dolphin, manatee, insects, birds, the reefs and plants, and the rainforest.

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. God, may we use these gifts to be Your hands, feet, and voice.

May we be your presence in the world.

Amen.

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

God, it is with gratitude that we receive all you have provided.

May the offerings we bring today be used to share Your love, make a difference in the world and establish your loving kin-dom on earth. Amen.

OFFERTORY ***Would You Believe in Me***

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31
NIV

GOOD NEWS

PRAYER

BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

***Joyful, Joyful, We
Adore Thee***

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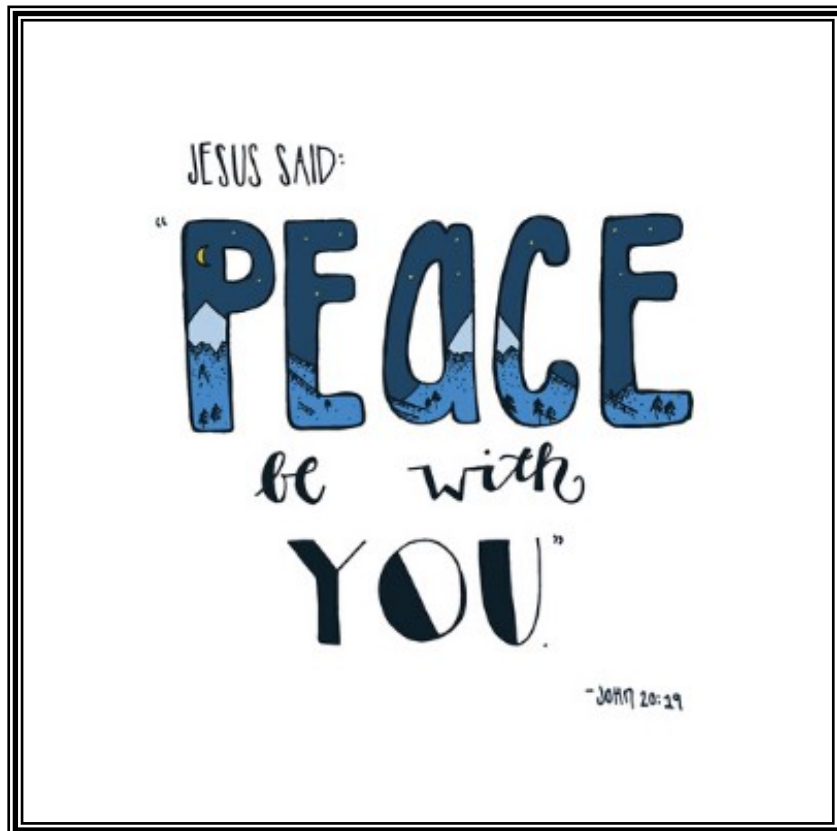


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Scripture and Announcements



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Welcome to Windermere Union Church.

We're Glad You're Here!

Please fill out a visitor's card and let us help you get connected. If you have a question about a ministry or event, we are here to help!

Contact the church office at 407-876-2112.

John 20:19-31 NIV

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Announcements

Bible Study - Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at church and for those who cannot physically attend via Zoom. For more information contact the church office at office@windermereunion.org.

Church Announcements - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcements to our office manager by 5pm on Wednesday.

Church School classrooms - Help is needed. The new 4th and 5th grade class needs a teacher for 2 Sunday's a month this class will begin in September. If anyone is interested please contact Chris at Happyheart.chris@mail.com or 407-583-7872. Thank you for your consideration.

Children and Youth Recognition Sunday - On Sunday, May 22nd, as a part of our worship experience, we will acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all our students. Please send a picture and a brief summation of their achievements no later than Sunday, May 19th to office@windermereunion.org. Your student(s) do not need to be present to be recognized. After church that day, we will enjoy a picnic, outdoor activities, and a waterslide!!!

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Adult Sunday School - That's right Adult Sunday school is back!!! Class is on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the preschool kinder-gym. No preparation is needed.

Small Group - Will gather on Friday, May 20th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha H. at harrmanfamily2@gmail.com.

Usher's

May 1 - Becky Neaman & Nancy Wheeler

May 8 - Kathy Coleman & Provi Estrada

May 15 - Mary Ellen Nattans & Peggy Goehring

May 22 - Kathy Coleman & Connie Lawton

May 29 - Sharon Kieper & Connie Lawton





CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

- ><> **Peggy Goehring** - Our granddaughter Katie has a scholarship interview.
- ><> **Ken Johns** - John M. has fell this morning and has been taken to ORMC.

~God we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

- ><> **Angela Bednarek** - Happy Birthday to Todd. Michelle has a new job in Texas.

~Thank You God for blessing us~

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE the C and C SLIPS, TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY.
 The Cs and Cs listed above are from completed slips and internet messages sent to the church office at office@windermereunion.org. Please submit your Cs and Cs no later than Monday morning in order to be included in the next bulletin



Birthdays Are Great and We Want to Celebrate With You!

Please contact Ann Green, ggreen7@cfl.rr.com or 407-293-8892 with those special dates for all your family members so we can recognize and wish one and all a Happy Birthday!

April 1	Karen Berwick	April 17	Todd Bednarek
April 3	Scotty Stumpf	April 17	Jessica Picard
April 4	Lin Wilensky	April 18	Katherine Buscall
April 6	Donna Venable	April 20	Cameron Snell
April 7	Laura Costello	April 21	Del Harriman
April 10	Connie Lawton	April 23	Steve Case
April 13	Debbie Centeno	April 24	Marcelino Rivera
April 13	Carl Kieper	April 26	Paul Bednarek
April 14	Jennifer Harris	April 26	Dawn Eckbreth
April 16	Provi Estrada	April 28	Phil Costello
April 17	Dennis Snow	April 28	Malena Larenas



Christ Arose

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Heal the World

There's a place in your heart, And I know that it is love
And this place it was brighter than tomorrow, and if you really try
You'll find there's no need to cry. In this place you'll feel there's no hurt or sorrow.

There are ways to get there. If you care, enough for the living
Make a little space, Make a better place

Chorus

Heal the world. Make it a better place
For you and for me, and the entire human race.
There are people dying. If you care enough for the living
Make a better place for you and for me

If you want to know why, There's love that cannot lie
Love is strong. It only cares of joyful giving
If we try, we shall see. In this bliss we cannot feel.



Fear of dread, we stop existing and start living

Then it feels that always, Love's enough for us growing
Make a better world. So make a better world.

Chorus

And the dream we were conceived in will reveal a joyful face
And the world we once believed in will shine again in grace
Then why do we keep strangling life. Wound this earth, crucify its soul?
Though it's plain to see, this world is heavenly. Be god's glow

We could fly so high. Let our spirits never die
In my heart I feel you are all my brothers. Create a world with no fear
Together we cry happy tears. See the nations turn their swords into plowshares

We could really get there. If you cared enough for the living
Make a little space, To make a better place.

Chorus (x3)

(X2)

There are people dying
If you care enough for the living
Make a better place for you and for me

You and for me (for a better place)
You and for me (save it for our children)
You and for me (heal the world we live in)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.
Boundless love is reigning o'er us reconciling race and clan
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.