

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 3, 2016

9:00 am

(* Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

WELCOME – Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person.

Greet One Another

PRELUDE

Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season), Pete Seeger

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118: 14-246

***Call to Worship:** congregation reads the response in bold type

O Lord, giver of joy and laughter,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For the moments of laughter and unbridled joy you give to us:

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For opportunities to laugh at ourselves,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For the belly laughs of children,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For friends and family who love us because of our quirks, and not just in spite of them,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For the courage to smile even when difficulties arise,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For those who have hope even when others think there is no hope,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For saints in the Lord who overflow with laughter and spread your joy to all of us.

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

For the words of Jesus that defy our logical minds; for teaching us that we can be born again,

we thank you for giving us these gifts.

Amen

***HYMN**

I'm Goin' a Sing

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord of life, you amaze us with the wonder of your love. All of creation sings of your love and we are blessed by the wonders your hands have made. As your creation we accept your bounty with joy and thanks. Guide us as we use your gifts and share them with all your people.

Prayers of God's People/Time with the Children

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

MESSAGE

Vera Zych

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

HYMN

Standing On the Promises

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OFFERTORY

Special Music

Joy in the Morning, Natalie Sleeth

Words of Assurance: Let us read the words of assurance together:

When we stand dour-faced in the presence of stunning sunsets; remind us you created beauty.

When we are stricken with chronic severity while surrounded by gurgling babies; remind us these are your children.

When we remain frozen-souled when touched by the warmth of grace; remind us grace is a blessing from you.

Remind us that if we are made in your image, it's no wonder people think of you as a grouchy old geezer, if we do not share your joy with them for you are a God of Joy.

So, breathe on us, fill our souls with laughter which chases away the long faces;

chuckles which wipe frowns off our brows;

great guffaws which shatter hardened hearts;

fill us, Breath of sidesplitting shrieks,

so we can celebrate the last laugh on death. Amen

HYMN

I'll Fly Away

Songs of Zion 183

BENEDICTION: Go out with joy to share the love of God with all you meet. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World, Hoyt Axton

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – downstairs below the Sanctuary.

Our Mission is:

“To Make Christ Known”

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

CHILD CARE

Children’s Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3rd Grade attend the beginning of Service than leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kid’s Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid’s Club Room.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

HOW TO REACH US

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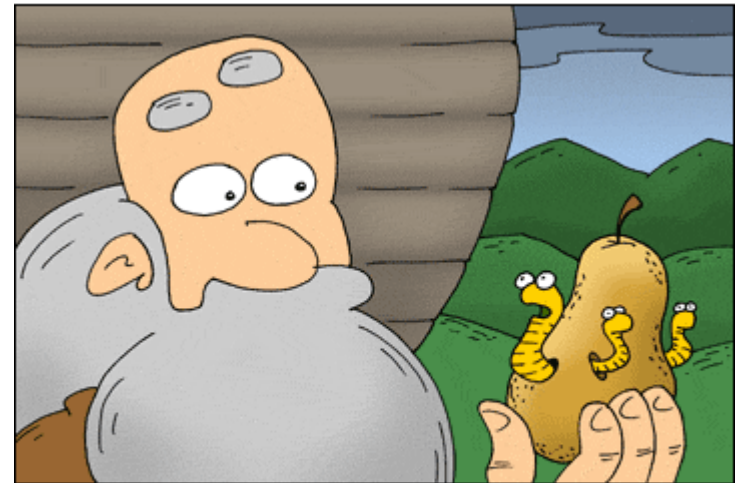
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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608.931.6804

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Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

9:00 AM Worship Service

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