

# The Order of Worship

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Minister: Rev. James Adams	Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Gary Brown	Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Music Director: Rebecca Haywood	Secretary: Vickie Ellis

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**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

### Gathering Before God

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

\* Call to Worship

\* Hymn                      *Come, Thou Almighty King*                      No. 61

\* Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer                      All

\* Song of Praise              *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!*

\* Time of Greeting and Fellowship

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

Scripture Song              *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

First Scripture Lesson 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12              Kathleen Smith

The Gospel              Luke 19:1-10

Special Music                      Ginger Nairn

Today's Message              "Changed! From a Giver to a Taker"              Rev. Adams

### Responding to God's Word

\* Hymn of Response *Zacchaeus* (Tune: *The Church's One Foundation*)              Projected

\* An Affirmation of Faith                      Projected

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

**We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved .**

We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.

**We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness.**

We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

**Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory    Le Ann Baker

\* Doxology                      *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

### Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song              *He Lives*                      No. 310 (vs. 1)

### Calendar

Today-10:55	Worship
2:30	District Conference at Allen Christ UMC
4:30	Beginning Bells
5:00	Wesley Bells
Tuesday-9:00-5:00	U.S. Census Bureau Training

6:00 Golf Scramble Committee  
Wednesday- 9:00-5:00 U.S. Census Bureau Training  
6:00 Bible Study  
Thursday- 9:00-5:00 U.S. Census Bureau Training  
10:00 Sewing Circle  
6:00 Girl Scout Leaders

### **Today's Volunteers**

Nursery Volunteer— Susan Hamilton  
Children's Church— Diana Turner, Kathy Fitzpatrick  
Acolytes – Ben Burchett, Beth Burchett  
Greeters – Ann & David Brown  
Ushers for April—Paul Burchett, Rob Herrick, Paul Honeycutt, Tom Smith

### **Next Week's Volunteers**

Nursery Volunteer – Susan Spurlock  
Children's Church – Julie Paxton  
Acolytes for— Lily Smith, Nick Garrett  
Greeters— David & Jenni Smith  
Ushers for May – David Garrett, Pete Greene, Cal Herrick, Marty Osborne

### **Other Announcements**

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., Apr. 18 Morning Worship-99, Sunday School-31

**We welcome** Le Ann Baker and Ginger Nairn as guest musicians today. They bring a wonderful ministry of music and love to our morning worship.

**The Prestonsburg District Conference** is today at 2:30 pm at Allen Christ UMC. This event is open and recommended to all lay delegates going to Annual Conference, those volunteering to work and serve at Annual Conference and all other appreciative laity caring and serving. Plan to attend this training and time of worship.

**The next golf** scramble meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in participating in any way we love to have you attend.

**Graduation Time** is coming soon, if you know someone who is graduating from High School or College, please notify the church office with names and degrees they will be receiving.

**Floyd Davis, Church historian**, is developing a series of monographs dealing with the history and development of our Church. These will be available at the cost of publication with all proceeds returning to the Church budget. The first two of these, "The Spanish Lady" (dealing with the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918) and "The More Abundant Life" (addressing First Church's entry into the

Modern Age during the Twentieth Century) are currently available. Please contact the Church office or Floyd Davis if you would be interested.