

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

PRELUDE (By Video)
THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP “Surely The Presence” Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Please take a moment to register your attendance on the pew pads. Your faithfulness helps us keep up with those in worship. Guests please also fill out the pew card you will find in the racks on the pews and drop them in the offering plate so that we can get to know you! Thank you for your attendance today!}

TIME OF GREETING

{Please extend a word of welcome and a hand of hospitality to each other.}

***HYMN OF PRAISE #128** “He Leadeth Me”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 95)

Worship Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before God with thanksgiving.

Worship Leader: For the Lord is the great God and King above all gods.

People: Our God is the one who made the earth and the seas and all there is.

Worship Leader: Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for he is our God.

People: We are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

All: Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

{Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have or know of a prayer concern that needs to be brought to the pastor’s and/or congregation’s attention, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. Prayers will be lifted up.}

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:17-19 “I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord...”

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

*Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to worship you today. We thank you for blessing our lives in so many ways. Accept these gifts that we offer back to you as a way of saying thanks for the blessings that you have given to us. Use these gifts that your fame will spread through our community and beyond. Use our lives that your love and grace will be known to those we meet. Fill us with your Spirit, in your church, in the world to make Christ known.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

YOUNG PEOPLE’S TIME

ANTHEM Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:11-15 ¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

SERMON Rev. Kari L. Howard

**The Problem of the Grave Robber Theory
Series: Resurrection: Historical Event or Hoax?**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #77** “How Great Thou Art” vs 1-3

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL #77** “How Great Thou Art” vs 4

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE NOTES:

Mainline: _____ **don’t make good**

1) The resurrection transforms the _____ into the _____.

John 20:19 “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews...”

Acts 4:31, 33 “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly... With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.”

2) The resurrection transforms the _____ into the _____.

Luke 24:12 ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

2 Peter 1:16 “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

3) The resurrection transforms the _____ into the _____.

Acts 9:1-4 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

1 Corinthians 15:3-9 ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 15
 9:45AM Sunday School
 10:15AM-10:45AM Coffee Fellowship
 10:30AM Choir Practice
 11:00AM Worship
 12:15PM Leadership Lunch & Meeting

Monday, April 16
 12:30PM-1:00PM Zaycon - Parking Lot

Tuesday, April 17
 12:00PM-1:00PM Table of Grace
 Good Food & Good News

Wednesday, April 18
 10:00AM Bulletin Deadline
 12:00PM Bible Study

**Don't Forget, Leadership Team:
 Lunch & Meeting Today
 after Worship
 in the fellowship hall!**

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
 Join us!

 Sundays 10:15AM-10:45AM
 Join us for light refreshments and fellowship in the narthex located thru the back sanctuary doors.

Please register your attendance in the pew pads each week! If you see your neighbor on the pew hasn't registered their attendance, please sign for them.

**New Bible Study
 "Lord, I Want To Know You!"
 starts soon!**
 Call or e-mail Debra in the church office and let her know you will be in attendance so your materials may be reserved.

Special Thanks To Our Worship Associates

Worship Assistant: Cyndi Reinhardt
 Announcements: Cyndi Reinhardt
 Organist: April Brown
 Choir Director: Carol Petty
 Ushers & Greeters:
 Dave Camp, Dave McGowan,
 Mike Brown, Bill Burrow
 Sound System & Power Point: Justin Luck
 Opening & Closing & Trash Detail: Mike Brown
 CUOC Deliveries: Cindy Ingold



**Benefit for Lora Hill & Family
 Saturday, April 28**
 Sponsored by West Bend UMC & the
 Randolph County Sherriff's Dept. at
 West Bend Church's Fellowship Hall

Dinner: 4 PM to 6 PM
 Tickets: \$10 a plate: Chicken pie,
 pintos, bread, slaw, dessert & bev
 Children under 10 cost is donation
 Drive Up Drive Thru Available
 Live Auction: 7 PM

**Buy your ticket(s) today at church
 from Cyndi Reinhardt & volunteer!**

You can help by buying tickets, donating desserts, and donating auction items. We also need volunteers to work at the benefit such as working the drive thru, helping make plates, cleaning tables, greeting visitors. Please support this benefit for our beloved church members.

Posters are available for pick up from the back of the sanctuary to post around town.

Community Needs for April
 CUOC: Chef Boyardee
 Hospice: Snacks

New Sermon Series Coming Soon



"Why, God?" If you have had questions about the events of the resurrection or have ever asked God "Why?" then you'll want to be with us as we learn together.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family
 Bruce Burrow Thurman Coltrane
 Vickie Freeman Lora Hill
 Dave McGowan Carol Petty
 Denny Reinhardt

Assisted & Skilled Living
 Daffie Branson - Clapp's
 Bernice Dwiggin - Somerset, Mocksville
 Betty Hewitte - Autumn Care, Shalotte
 Ruby Howard - Clapp's
 Angie Isenhour - North Pointe
 Cleo Munn - Camden Place, Greensboro
 Rene Overton - Cross Roads
 Kim Shaw - Woodland Hills
 Joe Thomas - Cross Roads

Shut-Ins
 Clarence Davis Ed Hinkel

Our Military
 Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Our Church Our Country
 The Unchurched

Prayer requests will be left on for 2 weeks unless specified for a longer time.



Stewardship Update

Corrected For March

Budget Needs \$10,232
Budget Received \$ 7,585*
Under -\$ 2,647
Corrected amount: Last week all income received plus budget was included in the amount of \$8,130. Should have just been the budget amount of \$7,585.

Offering Needed each Week is \$2,558.

Please give so West Bend Church can continue to shine the light throughout our community and beyond.

If you need assistance hearing during our worship service, please see the sound tech in the back of the church before worship. We have ear buds you can use during worship!

Welcome Guests!

We would like to extend a warm West Bend welcome to our visitors today. We hope you will plan to worship with us again and consider joining our church family.

The Nursery and restrooms are located through the double doors up the steps behind the sanctuary and the handicap restroom is through the double doors in the chapel.

Please feel free to join in any of our ministries. If you have any questions about the church, the pastor's e-mail address and phone number are located in the staff section.

We are a community in which questions are welcome, the dress code is whatever you have on, and the grace of God revealed in Jesus matters above all else.

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Resurrection Historical Event or Hoax?