

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19th, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



“I AM Jesus,
whom you have
been persecuting.
Get up and enter
Damascus,
and I will tell you
everything you
need to do.”

-Acts 9:5-6

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *pastor*



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"Trust is the fruit of a relationship in which you know you are loved." –Wm. Paul Young
"Fear stops us taking risks, but if you don't go out on the limb,
you're never going to get the best fruit." –Sarah Parish
"Do grapes come from thorns or figs from thistles? You will know them by their fruits."
–Matthew 7:16

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L – Liturgist / M – Minister / P – People / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!

† EASTER CHORUS: *There Is Joy in the Lord*

WORDS OF WELCOME

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Christ Is Alive!*

UMH 318

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)



(2) We listen to what God is saying to us!

SCRIPTURE *Acts 7:57-60; 8:1-4; 9:1-19* ("Yes, God Is Real")

MESSAGE: *Gospel Growth Comes from Good Fruit*

(3) We respond to what God is saying to us!

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Stephen & Saul* screen

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Religious Conflict***

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO GIVE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *Pass It On*

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*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

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Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout **APRIL:**

Peter & Joann K. / Ellen & Skip M. / Kari L. / Lynn D. / Art H. /

Helmuth & Sandy / Samantha G. / Leona S. / Revs. Caleb & Doug

Our Homebound: Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

Our Children: Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

Our Infirm at Home: Joann & Peter K., Maribeth L-S.

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Lilyann S.

From 3/22: Prayers for **Bill Park's father** who is in the hospital; prayers for our friend, **Diane P.** who has just entered hospice, prayers for recovery for our friend, **Cathy D.**, who suffered a serious fall and has a long recovery ahead of her (Thomasgards); prayers for **Pat S., Maribeth, Jim H., the U.S., Iran, Ukraine, and Cuba.**

From 3/29: Prayers for Jim K. who has spreading cancer (Diane); prayers for Mary L., who is suffering from ALS (Rose); prayers for Sara, Kathy, the families of the two Air Canada pilots who died in the LaGuardia crash, the war in Iran.
JOY: Kathleen M. says 'Hi!'

From 4/5: Prayers for an end to the war with Iran, safety & peace for all the people of the region. JOY: the safe recovery of the American Air Force officer recently shot down.

From 4/12: Prayers for Ted M. and his family on the recent deaths of his wife (March 8th) and son (last week) (Nina P.); prayers of support for the family of Diane as her time in this life nears its end (Leo & Sue); prayers for our church and for world peace. JOY: It's our youngest daughter, Kari's, birthday today! (Leo & Sue).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (4/13): Acts 1:42-47

Tuesday (4/14): Acts 3:1-10

Wednesday (4/15): Acts 4:1-22

Thursday (4/16): Acts 4:32-37

Friday (4/17): Acts 6:1-7

Saturday (4/18): Acts 6:8-15

Sunday (4/19): John 7:57-60; 8:8-14;9:1-19

april mission projects:

1. Parsonage Stonework Project (\$2,000 of \$5,000 goal!)
2. ~~College Care Packages~~ DONE!
3. Peace w. Justice Special Offering – 4/19

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- *Prayer theme:* Pray for renewed trust in people we once feared; pray for our own ability and grace to see fruits of change in others we once despised.
- *Consider:* Where in my life do I need to stop trusting words alone (“taking people by their word”) and start discerning the fruits – my own and others’ – with honesty and grace? Where do I need to stop taking abuse from fruitless people and where do I need to begin trusting people who have made real efforts to be changed?
- *Action:* Affirm good fruit where you see it, and set healthy boundaries where the fruit is harmful or absent; don’t assume motives or intentions, pay attention to visible fruit – actions, patterns, humility, and generosity.

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY – April 19th

Easter.3

Special Offering: Peace w/ Justice
Leadership Council Meets
Scripture: Acts 7-9, Saul’s Conversion

April 26th

Easter.4

Town Hall Meeting - rescheduled
Scripture: Acts 16, Paul & Silas in Prison

May 3rd

Easter.5

Scripture: Acts 17, Paul in Athens

May 10th

Easter.6 / Mother’s Day

Scripture: Philemon, Paul talks slavery
Sunday School – last for the school year

May 17th

Ascension Sunday / Graduates’ Day

Scripture: Book of Jude
Cake Reception after the service

May 17th

Day of Pentecost / Memorial Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2, The Holy Spirit Arrives!

Looking Ahead

TOWN HALL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY

after the service in Fellowship Hall
Entire professing membership encouraged to attend – will discuss our financial vitality.

G.R.A.C.E. Community Prayer Service

@ P.E.U.M.C. / Sunday, April 26th – 6:00 PM

Port Edwards Home Group

@ Perkins Restaurant, Rapids
Tuesday, April 28th – 5:30 PM