

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26th, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM



“These men are disturbing the peace of our city; they’re telling people to do things that are not right for us as Romans to do.”

-Acts 16:20-21

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *pastor*



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"A liberation movement that is nonviolent sets the oppressor free as well as the oppressed." -*Barbara Deming*

"Liberation means you don't have to be silenced." -*Toni Morrison*

"It is much more likely that you will attain liberation if you want it for others than just for yourself" -*Frederick Lenz*

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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: *Make Me a Captive, Lord*

UMH 421

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)



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

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:13-34

(*"Yes, God Is Real!"*)

MESSAGE: *My Chains Fell Off, My Heart Was Free*

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

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:

And Can It Be?

UMH 363

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

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Congregational Town Hall Meeting – after the service
Fellowship Hall – refreshments provided

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 3/29: 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).

From 4/19: Prayers for: people of Lebanon; victims of storm damage and flooding throughout WI; Mary L. who is suffering from ALS; Art H. for pace maker implant surgery on Friday (Diane); Dawn O., horse-riding accident (Diane); Midge & Jim H. comfort and rehab. JOY: for family & friends in the Wausau area not adversely affected by Friday night's tornado! (Candy).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (4/27): Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday (4/28): Acts 10:1-23

Wednesday (4/29): Acts 10:24-33

Thursday (4/30): Acts 10:34-48

Friday (5/1): Acts 17:1-9

Saturday (5/2): Acts 17:10-15

Sunday (5/3): Acts 17:16-31

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 DONE!~~

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- *Prayer theme:* Who in our world needs liberated? from self-loathing? from worldly powers? corruption? addiction & vices?
- *Consider:* Where in my life am I still living as if I'm imprisoned, even though God has already open the door to my cell? What are my internal or situational chains? What am I missing and can't see?
- *Action:* Encourage someone who feels "imprisoned": discouraged, isolated, overwhelmed, or carrying a heavy burden.

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY – 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

G.R.A.C.E. Community Prayer Service
@ P.E.U.M.C. / TONIGHT – 6:00 PM

Port Edwards Home Group
@ Perkins Restaurant, Rapids
Tuesday, April 28th – 5:30 PM

RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT
HELLO MUSIC!
Sunday, May 3rd – 4:00 PM
First Congregational Church
(Pastor will be a "jazzy" guest conductor)