

I AM ASKING--JESUS

Ascension Remembrance Seventh Sunday of Easter
Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa 52043

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRELUDE:

“Prelude for Mother’s Day” Lucy Ann Warriner

BELL RINGING

ASCENSION REMEMBRANCE

ASCENSION HYMN: “Alleluia, Gracious Jesus” #257

ASCENSION GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

PRAISE SONG: “Praise His Holy Name” Keith Hampton
Sung by the Chancel Choir

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

L: Let us praise the holy name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace by sharing the peace with one another.

(please share the peace and then be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS, BLESSINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION:

L: What an event the ascension was! And we know what comes next—Pentecost—the birthday of the church. But let us not hurry to Pentecost. Let us remember what Jesus has done before his ascension. There is much more to know!

THE NO WAY LITANY:

L: In the synagogue, there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon and Jesus said, “Be silent and come out of him. But the people said, **P: “No way, Jesus!”**

L: Jesus commanded his disciples, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” But the people said,

P: “No way, Jesus!”

L: In the house of a dead girl, Jesus took the little one by the hand and called to her, “Talitha cumi! (Little girl, arise!).

But the people said, **P: “No way, Jesus!”**

L: Then Jesus told his disciples, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, be rejected by the church leaders and be killed—on the third day, he will rise.”

But the people said, **P: “No way, Jesus!”**

PRAYER: (unison)

O Lord, the events of these past few weeks have had such an impact on our lives. We walked with Jesus as he ministered, we ate with him and wept at his crucifixion. Easter morning dawned brightly in our lives at the news of his Resurrection. We sang songs of great joy. May you watch over us, O Lord, as we pray and work to do your will. Open our hearts to your loving Word and ways. AMEN.

THE WORD, THE PRELUDE TO PENTECOST
(all readings from THE MESSAGE)

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 1 Sue Stott

EPISTLE: I. John 5:9-13 Sue Stott

GOSPEL SONG: "Born of God, Eternal Savior" #542

GOSPEL: John 17:1-21a Pastor Paula

TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

MESSAGE: "The Other Lord's Prayer—the Lover's Prayer"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

L: We believe in God—

P: who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn;

L: who calls us to face the tomb of our fears so we might discover the birth of hope;

P: who sends reassuring dreams, fragrant flowers, good friends and bright angels with messages of joy and possibilities.

L: We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ—

P: who meets us on every path,

L: who greets us with respect, names and calms our fears, who invites us to walk and talk and be children of the Light.

P: He is always going before us wherever our way leads.

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit—

P: who gathers us into community;

L: who works through the lame, the wrinkled, the newborn, the hurting, the hopeful,

P: who nudges our prayers, satisfies our needs.

L: We believe that we are called to be Easter people, living joyfully in spite of the harshness of life.

P: We believe in the church—the handholding, the singing, the caring fellowship of seekers and finders. This we believe—that Jesus prays for us as we pray to him.

AMEN.

THE PEOPLE'S PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. **AMEN.**

OFFERING INVITATION: (unison)

May you pour your Spirit unto our gifts today, O God. May they spread love and hope, blessing those who receive and those who give. **AMEN.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"She Will Be Called Blessed" Joseph Barlowe

***DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

AMEN,

***BENEDICTION: (unison)**

O Jesus, you have loved and prayed for us. May we now go in peace, bringing your words of love, your healing, your good news to all we meet. We know that you are with us in all that we do. AMEN.

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

“O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free” vs.1,4,5,6 #209

***POSTLUDE:**

“Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise” Charles Wesley

***HAPPY AND BLESSED
MOTHER'S DAY***

WELCOME

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Worship Leaders

Today-12th

Worship: Pastor Paula

Reader: Sue Stott

Fellowship: Cookie Cupboard

Organist: Laura Moser

Ushers: Mary H., Betty M.
Jane W.

**Opening/
Closing** Nancy McClure

Next Sunday-19th

Pastor Paula

Kristina Miller

Cookie Cupboard

Laura Moser

Barb Chandler

Sue Stott

PRAYER LIST: Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Dave & Diane B-H, Eli Belser, Roger and Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Linda Cranston. Deb Dennler, Wayne F., Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Gerry Kramer, Gary Kuehl, Marlene Marmann, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Lucena Phelps, Sharon Reichert, Harry & Gloria Robbins, Joan Strauss, family of Charlie Mason (Penni Leonard's brother-in-law); the family of Inge Baumgartner whose Celebration of Life was held yesterday here.

NEEDED FOR SUMMER WORSHIP: Anyone interested in providing special music for Sunday worship, July through August, please contact Pastor Paula!

!!!LOOKING AHEAD!!!—Sunday, July 7th, outdoor worship at Founders' Park-camp style worship and potluck!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

PASTOR PAULA

(subject to change if emergencies or meetings arise)

9 a.m.-noon—Mon. Wed. Thur; 9-10:45 a.m. Tues.

DEBBIE

3:30-4:30 p.m.---Mon; 1:30-3:30 p.m .Wed. & Thur.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 9-12 noon-office hours

Tuesday: 9-12 noon—office hours (no clergy study grp)

Wednesday: 9-noon-----Office hours

5 30-6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

Thursday: 9 a.m. Sunday BULLETIN Deadline—give info

to Pastor Paula
1:30 p.m. Elkader Care Center service
5-6:30 p.m. Grace Cafe

Friday: Pastor's Day Off
Saturday: Worship Preparation

ATTENTION

Financial contributions to assist Burns family can be done by: check--write Peace UCC attn: Jonah's Journey and drop off at Freedom Bank OR bring to Peace UCC, 301 N. Main, 9-12 noon, Mon-Thur. OR mail to Peace UCC at Box 268, Elkader, Iowa 52043 OR Mail to Jasen & Marnie Burns, Box 322, Elkader, IA.52043 OR Venmo is JM Burns

PLEASE SEND: notes and cards to Jonah Burns, Box 322, Elkader, Iowa 52043

REMINDER: those who do opening/closing need to plug in the coffee pots!!!

NEXT SUNDAY: is the presentation of quilt and \$500 scholarship to Hannah Koehn, CHS class of 2024!