

***WE ENTER THE SANCTUARY IN QUIET MEDITATION AS WE PREPARE
OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP***

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOMING VISITORS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Unlock your hearts – God wants to come in.

Open your lives – God needs a home.

Swing wide all the doors – God’s children need shelter.

Easter rolls the stone – and nothing can be shut anymore!

***OPENING HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 327

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYER SONG “Surely the Presence of the Lord” No. 328

PRAYING TOGETHER

God of resurrection power, break through the locked doors of our certainty to encourage our wonderings and our questions. Break through the walls of our fears of others, that we might make room for all at your table. Break through our doubt and confusion, that we might come to know your presence more fully in our lives and in our world. When we seek to judge ourselves and others for disbelief and questions, open the locked doors of our hearts, and give us the patience of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYING IN SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(After each prayer, let all the people say: ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG “Give Me Jesus,” Bob Phelps
(arranged by Moses Hogan)

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” No. 156

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

MESSAGE “It Matters How We Tell the Story” Bob Phelps

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God’s invitation is a gift to each of us regardless of age or membership

***CLOSING HYMN** “Christ is Risen” No. 307

***BENEDICTION**

Christ is risen!

Stones of fear are rolled away.

Christ is risen!

Walls of prejudice are broken down.

Christ is risen!

Doubts are affirmed; questions are allowed.

Christ is risen!

Those who were pushed aside are welcomed in.

Christ is risen!

Life will never be the same again.

Christ is risen!

Let us go in peace to proclaim the good news!

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Sue Paulson **Fellowship:** Marilyn & Gene Ruby
Communion: Bob Phelps, Sue Paulson, Dick & Diane Ward

TODAY: Sunday School after Children's Time
MONDAY: "Knit-Wits" knitting class 3-5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: UMYF 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Bulletin announcement deadline 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Calendar for May 1

Lakeside Community Chapel prays for those hard hit by economic difficulties in the area. They pray to build up lay leadership and coordination in missional outreach.

Community Spring Salad Luncheon

Whitefish United Methodist Women are hosting a salad luncheon May 7 from 11:00 am to 2:00pm. The cost is \$5.00/person and proceeds will go toward UMW mission projects and to help with the purchasing of fruit trees for the Whitefish Community Garden. All are invited to welcome spring (finally) to Whitefish! Invite your neighbors and friends and bring your families! Weather permitting there will be guided tours of the garden. If you would like to donate a salad, rolls or cookies or help in the kitchen please contact Michelle McDowell at 862 -6046 or sign-up in the narthex.
HAPPY SPRING!

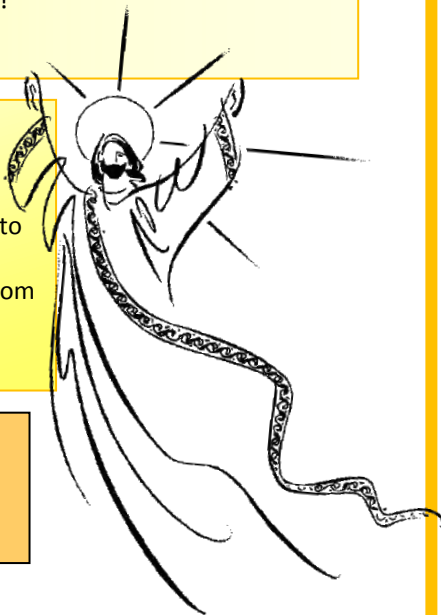
UMCOR School Bags

Eighty-five school bags are completed toward our goal of 100. If you have an unfinished kit, or some fabric available to make a bag or two, please let Dianne Grove, Jeannie Marcure or Alita Phelps know. The bags will be taken to our Yellowstone Annual Conference in Billings in early June and trucked with other school supplies to the UMCOR depot in Salt Lake City. From there, they will be sent to children in need some place around the world. Thanks for your help.

Please remember to sign up to contribute food or your time for the Whitefish High School Free Lunch, if you are able. Sign up is in the narthex. Contact Christina Schmidt #270-4052, with questions. Thanks!

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The People of the United Methodist Church

The Whitefish United Methodist Church Welcomes You!

May 1, 2011, Second Sunday of Easter



John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.