

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
April 16, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

#108

**INVOCATION** (Please be seated)

Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Elder

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI #623**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: " 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

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<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 214). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

## Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

#227

SERMON

"Can't Be Stopped!"

**NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:**

The Richard Cork Family

**CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

Randy Leask

Hazel Snyder

Doug O’Bannon

Shari O’Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Brenda Segebart

School

Jim Robinson

Mark Diersen

Malia Meyer

Jon Snyder

Alice Spooner (Breast Cancer)

Donnie Skou (Cancer)

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES**

**April 16**

Wheatland, Breda –

**April 23**

Buena Vista University – Chaplain Dr. Melanie Hauser

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

Daniel Langner (April 20<sup>th</sup>)

Anna Jacobson (April 21<sup>st</sup>)

Susan Diersen (April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27<sup>th</sup>)

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES:**

Phil & Sue Diersen (April 18<sup>th</sup>)

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #625

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” #277

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

**2023 PER CAPITA**

2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check “Per Capita”.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2023

16	Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
17	Monday		
		7:00 pm	Session Meeting
19	Wednesday		
		3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
20	Thursday		
		7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional
23	Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: April Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 4:00 pm



## PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school setting. We will maintain our policy of cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

## SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

April 19th

Tracey Jepsen & Rosemary Blum

April 26<sup>th</sup>

End of Year Purple Gang Program & Meal

## THANK YOU'S

Thanks to those who provided Easter Lilies for the Easter morning worship service.

The Easter Breakfast was hosted by Jim & Cathy McDonough and family. It was difficult to choose from the different delicious varieties of egg bake. Thank you for your hard work. It was greatly appreciated.

The McDonough Family wishes to Thank those who donated the items needed for the breakfast.

The free will offering went to the Deacons Fund to help pay for cards and postage.

