

HAPPY EASTER & WELCOME TO MESSIAH CHURCH!

We're glad you joined us for worship online! Located in Plymouth, Minnesota, Messiah Church is a community of children, youth, and adults responding to the presence of God by growing in faith and reaching out in love and service to others. Our primary values are worship, small group participation, serving others, and allowing God to use our gifts and abilities to accomplish our vision of building relationships in the world.

This bulletin is printable! Follow along during worship or save it to read later. All the gray, underlined sections of text are web links for quick access.

Let us know you worshipped online by signing in. Click on "Let Us Know You're Here" at the bottom of your screen to register your attendance. You can also share a prayer request; our Prayer Team prays through these requests each week.

First time here? We'd like to thank you by making a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Click on "Let Us Know You're Here," and from the list at the bottom check the organization of your choice. You're making an impact in this community just by worshipping with us!

Thank you for financially supporting Messiah Church. There are many ways to give: give online by clicking on "Give" at the bottom of your online worship experience; mail a check to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447; or give through our new Messiah Church app. Thank you!





8:30 am | **Traditional Worship***

This Joyful Eastertide (arr. Moklebust) Handbell Choir

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Grotenhuis) Brass

Toccata for a Celebration (Stevens) Stephanie Beard

Call to Worship

Preludes

Pastor Bethany Nelson

Hymn #302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today Choir, Bells, Brass & Organ

Welcome & <u>Attendance</u> Easter Offering Video Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Martin) Choir & Piano Scripture John 20:1-10 Linda Munch Message Making All Things New Pastor Tami Luckhardt Hymn #159 Lift High the Cross Choir, Bells, Brass & Organ

Offering

Chorus Hallelujah (Handel)

Postlude Toccata from Symphony V (Widor) Stephanie Beard

10:30 am | Contemporary Worship*

Gathering Music Good to be Alive (Hallelujah!) (Grammer) The Way Team

Call to Worship Pastor Bethany Nelson

Songs of Praise Because He Lives (Maher) The Way Team

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Traditional)

Welcome & <u>Attendance</u> Easter Offering Video Children's Message

Prayer Song Alive (Nordeman) Mary Sweet

Prayer

Scripture

John 20:1-10

Message

Making All Things New

Anthem

Victor's Crown (Zschech)

Ed Miska

Pastor Tami Luckhardt

The Way Team

<u>Offering</u>

Closing Song Jesus is Alive and Well (Williams) Amy Teawalt & The Way Team

Benediction

Postlude Jesus is Alive and Well The Way Band



^{*} Worship times are Central Time. Live Streamed at www.MessiahChurch.org/live, and available On Demand later at www.MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.



Easter Offering

Each year, Messiah Church selects two organizations to receive our special Easter Offering. **This year's Easter Offering supports Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and Minnesota FoodShare.** Give online by clicking "Give" and selecting "Easter Offering" or mail a check (indicate "Easter Offering" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Our goal is to collect \$12,000 for each of these organizations. *Gifts are distributed evenly, unless designated otherwise; gifts not marked for Easter support the ministry of Messiah Church.*



Bloom Early Learning & Child Care —

The Shirley Robinson Scholarship provides tuition assistance for children of low-income families at Bloom Early Learning & Child Care, located here at Messiah Church. For more info, visit www.BloomEarlyLearning.org.

Minnesota FoodShare — A campaign to help stock food shelves statewide, giving all Minnesotans access to healthy food. Your offering specifically supports the local food shelves at Interfaith Outreach and ICA.

For more info, visit gmcc.org/minnesota-foodshare.



THE FLOWERS THAT BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY THIS EASTER HONOR THOSE WE REMEMBER WITH MEMORIES, LOVE & CELEBRATION:

Mark & Kristen Anderson – In celebration of our granddaughter Lydia, and our new grandbaby we will welcome to the world in June

Ann & Mike Brilley – In memory of our parents Martha & Adrian Wilhoite and Eugenia & Joe Brilley, and our siblings Chip Wilhoite and Caryl Wilhoite

Kaye & Wayne Corprew – In celebration of or newest grandson, Ryan, and his brother, Reid, and cousins Caleb, Izabella, Elizabeth, Cass, and Kailey

Shirley Coyer – In memory of Burt Ann Egerer & family – In memory of Bill Egerer

Bob Frazee – In memory of Fran Lenth Frazee

Jo Frerichs – In memory of John Hay Royce & Shirley Gipson – In memory of son-in-law Ray Rivard

Dan & Ann Goodmundson – In memory of Carl & Norma Goodmundson and Robert & Mary Anne Frick

Madeline, Elizabeth & Joe Gossard – In memory of our grandparents Vicki & Doug Gossard Paul & Sally Hahn – In memory of our son Doug, and loved ones who have gone before him

Lyle & Cindy Hilbrands – In celebration of our daughter's family: Michelle, Tom, Nathan, Kelsey & Tom Anderson; in memory of our son Brent Hilbrands

Jenny Kamm – In memory of Erv Kamm

Marilynn Leaf – In memory of my husband

Tim Leaf, and brother Judson Moller

Alice Leuer – In memory of deceased family members

Bob & Jan Levens – In celebration of our Messiah Church family

Larry, Bruce & Melissa Manthei – In memory of Pat Manthei

Megan McNabb – In memory of my grandparents Al & Jeanne Jensen and Myrtle Bentley

Mary Jo Morales – In memory of Rodrigo Morales

Floyd & Helen Peltier – In memory of daughter Valerie Peltier

Dick & Lorraine Prazich – In honor of our grandchildren: Jack, Megan & Julia

Dick Rausch – In memory of Betty Rausch Nancy Ruckdaschel – In memory of daughter Carrie Ruckdaschel and husband Gary Ruckdaschel; in honor of John Ruckdaschel & Jeff LaRoche, son and son-in-law

Linda Seaton – In celebration of the cast and support staff of OZ

Evie Severyn – In memory of loving parents Richard & Carlene Severyn

Carolyn & Mike Sherck – In celebration of our family

Janet Stroebl – In celebration of my beautiful family

Mary & Gerry Tucker – In memory of our parents Jim & Helen Cassell and Jerry & Marjorie Tucker

John & Tammy Ward – In celebration of life's many blessings

Karen Weil – In memory of my parents Joann & Jim Weil

You are always welcome at Messiah Church! Consider joining us for:

Worship

On April 7, we begin a new **four-part message series titled** *A New Creation*. The Easter season is all about celebrating the new life Jesus makes possible. We often think of this new life in terms that are spiritual or individual, but Jesus' resurrection means new life for all of creation — including our communities and environment. In a world grappling with environmental concerns, join us as we delve into scripture to understand how the renewed life Jesus offers shapes our responsibility to care for our environment and all its inhabitants. Join us Sundays at 8:30 or 10:30 am in person or online live (at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand), or with our *Church on the Go* podcast (found on your preferred app).

Live from Messiah...it's Saturday Night! Err...Sunday Morning! We hope you'll join us for an SNL-inspired **Youth Sunday** on April 14, hosted by our own Stella Stern...with special guests Apostles Peter and Paul. Journey through the Bible as we explore stories of the "Bad People of the Bible" and how God's love endures despite our missteps. Music, hospitality, and the message are all offered by Messiah Youth on this special Sunday, at both 8:30 and 10:30 am, in person and online.

Our **Messiah** *Church on the Go* podcast offers an abbreviated worship service developed just for you — allowing you to take Messiah with you, wherever you go! Join our host to hear a weekly message from Pastor Tami or Pastor Bethany, and a song from The Way worship team. A new *Church on the Go* episode drops every Sunday morning. Find our podcast on our website at MessiahChurch.org/onthego or on your preferred app (including Apple, Google, Amazon, and Spotify).

Community

Join us for a special speaker series on diversity & inclusion: **Honoring Our Differences**. In 2023, Messiah Church issued an <u>Inclusion Statement</u> that expressed our desire to work together to be an inclusive faith community. This series, developed by our Diversity & Inclusion Team, is designed to help us learn more about this commitment. On Sundays, April 21 and May 19, 9:35-10:25 am, come learn about two important diversity topics. Info on each session is available at <u>MessiahChurch.org/honoring-our-differences-series</u>. Childcare is available. No RSVP is required — everyone is welcome!

Would you like to get better connected at Messiah Church? **Small Groups** at Messiah are more than just a Bible study — they "do life together," building supportive relationships while growing together in faith. We want that for you! Step into a Small Group experience this spring to find a place to belong. We offer groups for men, women, couples, and parents; some meet in person, some online, and some on a hybrid basis. Visit MessiahChurch.org/community/small-groups for a complete list of Small Groups. For questions or help connecting with a group that is right for you, contact Heather Felt, Director of Community Engagement, at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 114.

Messiah Church has a new app! Over the last several months, we've been creating this discipleship tool, as a way to help you grow in faith, and strengthen your relationship with Messiah Church and one another. We are thrilled to share this with you, and invite you to download it today at subsplash.com/messiahchurch/app.









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Service

Messiah Church is a church of compassion and community outreach. Members and friends of Messiah devote their time and talents to support local, national, and global missions. There is a place for you to get involved! For a complete list of opportunities to serve, visit MessiahChurch.org/community/make-an-impact.

Youth

Students in grades 6-12 have opportunities to connect with peers and grow in their faith at Messiah Church with several youth programs. On Sunday mornings, 6-8th graders gather for **Sunday School** during the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services; Confirmation classes provide opportunities for high school students to study scripture and what it means to follow Jesus and be part of the Church. On Wednesday nights during the school year, we connect at 6:30 pm for Open Youth Room + Dinner, and at 7 pm we offer Middle School and High School Youth Groups expect games & assorted shenanigans, opportunities to connect with friends and leaders, and time studying the Bible. This summer, youth in grades 7-12 will be serving at STORM Camp Prior Lake, July 14-18. We build, paint, garden, clean all while building relationships with each other and those we're serving. High School Youth are headed to Denver, CO, for a YouthWorks Mission Trip, July 27-August 3. We'll be working with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community as we serve through painting, cleaning, yard work, and kids' programs. We'll have some fun while we're there too! For more information on Youth programming, contact Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at stierney@messiahchurch.org or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 116.

Children

At Messiah, we love walking with children on their journeys to follow Jesus. We strive to reach the lives of children through a variety of engaging activities, partnering with families to nurture children's faith. On Sunday mornings, children in preK-5th grade gather for KID Street Sunday School during the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services; the **nursery**, for children from birth through age 3, is available at both services. On Wednesday nights during the school year, KID Street Wednesdays gather from 6:30-8 pm for dinner, a faith lesson, friendship, and an opportunity to worship through art or service. Save the date! June 10-14, join us at "Scuba" Vacation Bible Camp for music, interactive stories, games, science, and more! Kids preschool-5th grade will dive into an undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Register today at vbspro.events/p/ events/messiahcamp2024. Everyone is welcome! In August, get ready for singing, puppets, fine arts, theater, dancing, and more at KID Street Arts Camp. Registration for Arts Camp coming soon. For more information on Children's programming, contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 115.







Visit our website, MessiahChurch.org, to learn more about how you can connect with Messiah Church.

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