



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**WELCOME**

Whoever you are,  
and wherever you find yourself  
on the journey of faith, you are  
welcome to this church as you  
are to receive the riches of  
God's grace...

*The Way...*

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.  
This weekly publication is provided to show  
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**      **April 11, 2021**

**BELIEVING IN**

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it's more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn't have to know the precise roads to Grandma's house; he only needs to believe *in* his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief *in* the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L'Engle (*The Rock That Is Higher*):  
"The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid."



**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The First UMC Trustees are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to mow the church's grass lot. It is west of the Faith House Property and borders Billy Steven's property (overflow parking area). Volunteer(s) will have access to the church's zero turn riding mower. If willing, please contact the church office or Bill Ahlfeld 812/779-7957



## Holy hilarity!

Let's celebrate the early-church tradition with the second Sunday of Easter as Holy Humor Sunday, affirming the season's joy.

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Knock knock. *Who's there?*  
Hatch. *Hatch who?* God bless you!

What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? *Eggs-ercise!*

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? *It might crack up!*

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition:

"So *that's* why no one was in church today."



*She's Found Her  
main  
Squeeze*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER  
HONORING

*Shelby Baylor*

First United Methodist Church 100 W Vine St. Fort Branch, IN 47648	MAY <b>1</b> 2:30pm	Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon
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Please bring a recipe to share  
with the bride to be!

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### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery  
Attendant:



4/11: Kristi Pflug  
4/18: Janet McBee

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

#### This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~  
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible  
Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

*Next Sunday Worship:*

*"The Hope of  
Restoration"  
John 21:15-25*

HE IS NOT HERE  
**HE IS RISEN**  
MATTHEW 28:6

*Welcome!*

*Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.*



### PRELUDE

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

**\*HYMN # 64** 9:00am *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  
**# 327** 10:30am *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**\*GREETING AND PRAYER**

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYERS

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PRAYER HYMN #496** 9:00am *Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
**#420** 10:30am *Breathe on Me,  
Breath of God*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

##### **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. Amen.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON** *insert*

*John 20:19-31*

**MESSAGE**

*“The Disciples Experience His Love”*

**\*HYMN #370** 9:00am

*Victory in Jesus*

**#384** 10:30am *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**\*BLESSING**

Pastor

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

**\*DEPARTING SONG:** Hymn #657

*This Is the Day*

*This is the day, this is the day,  
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

**\*THE OFFERING**

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

**POSTLUDE**

*All things  
are possible  
only  
believe*

*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

*Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear, Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Thomas Brown, Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy, Bruce Rostron, June Regenhold, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Derek Barton, Dale Perry*

*Let's Celebrate*

*Alissa Fuhs ~ 12th  
Sydney Russler ~ 12th  
Jeff Cardinal ~ 14th  
Kristen Steiner ~ 14th*



**Listening Guide**  
**“The Disciples Experience His Love”**  
**April 11, 2021**

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31

**How does Jesus show His unconditional love to His disciples?**

**He \_\_\_\_\_ to Them (vs. 19-20)**

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**He Gave Them a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 21-23)**

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**The Ability to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 24-31)**

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**Personal Application:** There are many amazing proofs that Jesus has given because He loves us. Will you continue to believe? What makes believing possible for you?

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## *John 20:19-31 NLT*

### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

### **Jesus Appears to Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

<sup>28</sup> “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

### **Purpose of the Book**

<sup>30</sup> The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*