



Then Jesus opened their minds
to the understanding of the scriptures.
Luke 24:45 (The Inclusive Bible)

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Gathering to Celebrate in Worship

Welcome Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Call to Worship with Psalm 4:4-8 p.741 Invocation

Praise and Prayers

† Hymn of Praise #733, vss 1,3,4 *Marching to Zion*

Praise and Testimonies

Prayer Concerns *Solidarity with Virus, War and Storm Victims and Suffering Children*

Added Last Week: Bob Gooud, Jeri Lake, Kacey Pace, Earl Sams, Dakota Stovall
Family of Roger Miller

Health Care Workers: Melissa Milam, Donna Smith, Anna Tankesley,
Hannah Lake-Rayburn, Ann Waldrop, Greer Waldrop, Joy Crook, Susie Schumann

Homebound: Dianne Stallion, Freda & Dan Wyatt

Military Families

Jason Willett, Randy Bagwell, Dylan Field, Kale Merrick, Matthew Petway, Sarah
Petway, David Pace, Christopher Telle, Brittany Jones, Bryar Fortner

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

Prayers of the People

Gracious and Loving God, open our minds to understand the scriptures
and to know ourselves as your beloved children, as we pray:

**R God does wonders for the faithful;
when we call, God will hear us.**

Show the wounds of your Christ to the people of the earth, that we may be
healed of all injustice, disease, poverty, and sadness. **R**

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Words of Assurance, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness †*Doxology*

Proclamation of the Word

Jeri Lake's Statement of Beliefs

**I believe in the One who created the universe and everything in it
and in a great love which brought it all into being.**

**I believe that this Creator implanted a spark of the divine
within all the creation and that is what we call
"the image of God."**

**I believe that Jesus showed us what it meant
to be in the likeness of God.**

**I believe that to be made in God's image is a given,
to live in God's likeness is our choice.**

**I believe we are called to recognize the divine in ourselves,
each other, and the whole creation,
and to love all as God loves.**

**I believe that God's loving spirit is sustainer not rescuer,
holding us through whatever comes in this life.**

**I believe we each have the call to be co-creators,
using our gifts to mend broken places,
care for each other and the earth
and use the divine love within us
to help heal the wounds around us.**

The Hebrew Text Acts 3:12-19

The Epistle 1 John 3:1-7

The Gospel Luke 24:36-48

† Hymn of Celebration #572 *Pass It On*

Passing the Peace of Christ Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Spiritual Gateway"

Responding to God's Call on Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship *The altar in our heart is always open*

† Hymn of Dedication *The Family of God*

Continuing in Ministry with Our Community

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Jesus, Mark 16:15*

Going Forth to Love Others as Christ Loves Us

† Choral Benediction #328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

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Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm — Online
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Marshall County Needline Wed-Fri 9-4
Paducah Cooperative Ministry Mon-Thu 9-12 & 1:30-30

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Next Week's Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

John 10:14 (The Inclusive Bible)

Beloved

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for

God is Love.

1 John 4:7-8