THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

The two candles on the altar symbolize Christ's presence here with us as we worship. The candle beside the altar symbolizes our prayers for peace and for those serving in our nation's military.

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn Hymnal 322 Up from the Grave He Arose

*Gathering Prayer

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise What He's Done

Celebrations & Concerns of the Congregation

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory

*Doxology with Alleluias

*Offertory Prayer

Especially for Children

Children in grades K-5 are invited to go to Journey Kids.

The Anthem

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:3-8; 18-23 The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Good Soil"

*The Nicene Creed

Hymnal 880

Hymnal 707

Hymnal 94

*Hymn of Invitation *Hymn of Promise*

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher:Rev. Timothy Hale, PastorMusic Director:Misty GriffinOrganist:Karla HuffAudio/Visual:Ken PresserUshers:Jolee Crawford, Richard Ingram,
Austin Spangler, Ron WhiteNursery:Linda Wiseman, Jolee Crawford

Prayer List

<u>Long Term</u>

For peace in our world, Christian missionaries, Joe Blackwell, Casey Blackwell, Kevin Vest, Shelby Hale, Charles Burgess, Ginny Barker, Don Gardner, Peggy Harris, Judi Clemens, Chester Gallimore, Rhett Helms, Mason Pearce, Graysen Bean, Virginia Brown, Ava Juwan Crolley, Angel Spangler, Tommy & Louise Hall, David Wimmer, Gayle Griffin, Donna Johnson, Luca Gucciardo, Lauren Worley

Our Military

All those serving in all branches of our military, Darren Wood, David Thornton Booker, Jeremy Dolan, Tom Giles, Michael Kovac, Brody Stroud, Jeremiah Hassel

<u>Short Term</u>

Jim Salyer, Francis Berkley, BP Simpson, Sallie Martin, Joe Sowers, Peggy Harris, Steve Thomas, Roger Belcher, Terry Williams

Add or remove a name from the list by emailing pastor@floydumc or by filling out a Connection Card.

*Please stand, as you are able.

Announcements

Our **student ministry** will meet tonight for Bible study at 6:30 p.m. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome!

The **Hospitality Committee** will meet on Monday, April 8, at 4 p.m. in Room 103.

Pastor Timothy will be starting a new **Bible Study** this Wednesday, April 10, at 11 a.m. using Tom Berlin's new book, *The Third Day*. Purchasing the book is not required to participate in the study. Everyone is welcome!

Want to learn more about sharing your faith? Our district will be holding an **Evangelism Conference** called "Faith Sharing 101" on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Dublin United Methodist Church or online. Cost is \$35 per person. All are welcome.

The next session of **GriefShare** starts on April 16. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. This 13-week program is for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Participants can register ahead of time on the church website.

The Congregational Care Committee will

meet on Thursday, April 18, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Outreach Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the dates! This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be June 13-14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sermon Study Guide

Use these questions to go deeper into today's sermon with others or in a Sunday School class.

- → Have you ever tried to grow a garden, or do you currently have a garden? If so, what was it like? What did you have to learn about gardening? What stories do you have that might help others understand how hard that work can be? How about stories of great reward for your effort?
- → Who is Jesus speaking with about these parables? In what ways do you think this parable helped communicate the challenge of the kingdom of God?
- → What do you think Jesus intended to communicate to his disciples about the kingdom of God and people's responses to it?

Last Sunday's Report

In-Person Attendance	181
Online Attendance	186
Offerings Received (2/29/24)	\$ 34,756.55
Expenses (2/29/24)	\$ 30,146.50
Difference	\$ 4,610.05

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FLOYD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome Home

We are so glad you joined us for worship today! **Visiting with us?** Please fill out a connection card located in the pew backs and turn it in at the back following the service. We also have a gift for you as a "thank you" for worshiping with us today. Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit and in the downstairs hallway. We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.