



# Staying Connected



## Sunday Worship

Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings as we worship together.

## Pastor Cathy Out-of-Office

Pastor Cathy will be out of the office from April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.

## Earth Day — April 22

Earth Day invites us to remember how incredible our planet is as well as our call to care for it. As stewards of our planet we are called to think about how we use resources like water and fossil fuels; we may also want to use Earth Day as an opportunity to spend time enjoying nature around us and helping nature out by picking up litter. Maybe we could plant a few extra vegetable plants or flowers in our gardens so we can donate produce to a food shelf or flowers to the church or a local care center. Stewardship is rooted in grateful response for the blessings God gives us.

## National Day of Prayer — May 5

The National Day of Prayer is an effort to ask American citizens “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.” This was signed into law by President Truman in 1952, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray and celebrate this day.

## April Birthdays:

Matt Berg	24
Michael Mumford	24
Carmen Grangroth	24
Tom Tussing	24
Michele Berg	25
Curt Forst	26
Megan Johnson	28
Cathy Jones	29

## April Anniversaries:

Dave & Maureen Hoover	21
Steve & Tami Freed	30



"May you walk gently through the world  
and know its beauty all the days of your life."  
~ Apache Prayer

## Needed Prayers



### Please Pray for...

**Healing:** Alice Swanson, Rose Barberg's daughter Cheryl Paicius, Chris, Lee Gutknecht, Reta Blanchette, Alma Robinson's grandson, Chris Robinson and Mike Koeppe

**At The Lodge:** Anna Hohag, Phyllis Smith and Delores Lahr

**At Brookridge:** Reta Blanchette and Alice Swanson

**Please Pray for thankfulness and joy for.** . . Glen, Karen, Tyler, Emilee, Michael, & Charlie Mumford! As the dawn breaks into a beautiful sunrise, May God shower blessings of love on this family!

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"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen;  
not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

~ C.S. Lewis

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## Looking Ahead

- April 21 — 6:30 pm Audit Committee
- April 22 — *Earth Day*
- April 24 — *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter;*  
*Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day;*  
9:30 am Worship; 10:30 am Fellowship
- April 28 — *Holocaust Remembrance Day*
- May 1 — *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mental Health Awareness Month begins; Foster Care Month begins; Older Adult Week begins;* 9:30 am Worship; 10:30 am Fellowship
- May 4 — 5:15 pm Youth Program
- May 5 — *National Day of Prayer*
- May 6 — *May Friendship Day*
- May 8 — *4th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day;* 9:30 am Worship; 10:30 am Fellowship
- May 14 — *Fair Trade Day*
- May 15 — *5th Sunday of Easter; Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day;* 9:30 am Worship; 10:30 am Fellowship

## Devotion

### **SERVANT POWER** by Andrew Wommack

*Mark 4:41, 'And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'*

When God created this physical world and all of its inhabitants, He gave mankind authority to rule and subdue His creation. Although God still owned the universe and all that was in it, He gave control of the earth to man.

When man sinned, he began to use this power against God's wishes. God did not ordain all the terrible things that have happened throughout history, and yet He did not take back man's right to dominate the earth. Instead, He became a man and took back that authority to Himself by conquest. After Jesus' resurrection, He said in Matthew 28:18, '...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,' and then He gave the great commission to His disciples, thereby conferring that authority upon them, also. Jesus becoming flesh was absolutely essential for gaining all power (or authority) in heaven and in earth. Jesus was a 'God-man.' As stated in 1 Timothy 3:16, He was God manifested in the flesh, which is a great mystery.

Jesus came in the power and authority of His Father to point men to the Father God. Jesus existed before His advent on this earth in the form of God and was equal with God; yet, He humbled Himself and became a servant while here on earth. He did not come to promote Himself but to give Himself as the way unto the Father.

This is radically different from the way so called 'great men' present themselves. The Roman Caesar of Jesus' day proclaimed that he was God and demanded worship. Lesser leaders ruled by exalting themselves over the people they governed. But, Jesus showed us that 'whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many' (Mt. 20:26-28).