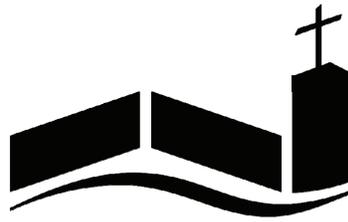


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# So All May Know Joy

**April 28, 2019**



## **Today's Sermon:**

### **What Jesus Thinks of You**

It's easy to think that what others think of you mirrors what God thinks of you. But you couldn't be further from the truth. Regardless of what others might think or say about you, God says you are deeply loved and deliberately chosen. So, stop looking to the right and left for validation, and instead, choose to look up!

## **We're glad you're here!**

**Questions?** Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

**Welcome Flyers** for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

**Please fill out** the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

**A staffed nursery** is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

**Children's activity bags** for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

**Copies of the sermon manuscript** are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

**Words will be projected for all songs.** Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

**Coffee** is served between worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

**Devotional resources** are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

**Hearing assist devices** are available, please ask an usher or soundboard operator.

**8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship**

**10:30 am • Celebration Worship**

**Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am**

# Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15

## God Chooses You



### Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Schroeder

#### Song

*Who You Say I Am*

#### Call to Worship

#### Song

*I Choose You*

#### Gospel Reading

*God Chose You*

John 15:12-17

#### Song

*Nobody Loves Me Like You*

#### The Early Word

#### Gospel Reading

*Your Value*

Romans 5: 6-11 The Living Bible

#### The Message

*What Jesus Thinks of You*

Curtis R. Rieck

#### Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

#### Invitation to Offering

#### Music during Offering

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

#2051 black songbook

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

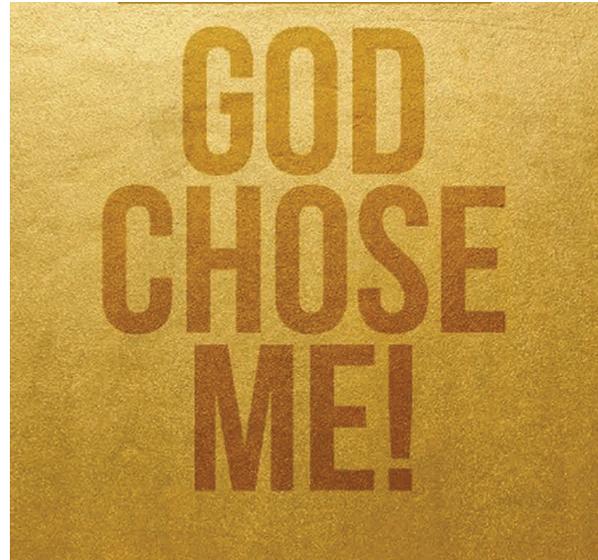
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### Closing Song

*Friend of God*

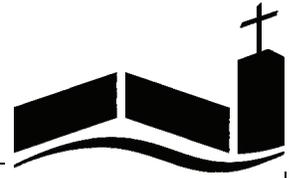
### Blessing

### Music for Departure



# Celebration Worship • 10:30 am

God Chooses You



## Music for Gathering

Mariénne Kreitlow

## Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Schroeder

## Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

## Prelude

*Father-Mother of the Universe*  
by Mariénne Kreitlow

## Call to Worship

## Opening Song

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*  
#405 red hymnal

## Gospel Reading

*God Chose You*  
John 15:12-17

## The Early Word

## Song of Preparation

*You Are Mine*  
#2218 black hymnal

## Gospel Reading

*Your Value*  
Romans 5: 6-11 The Living Bible

## The Message

*What Jesus Thinks of You*  
Curtis R. Rieck

## Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*  
German Hymn, XIX cent., Tr. Robert Bridges,  
1844 - 1930

## Doxology

#94 red hymnal

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

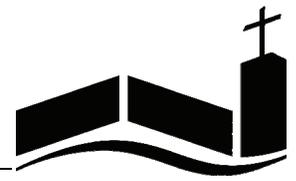
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## Hymn of Sending Forth

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
#664 red hymnal

## Blessing

## Postlude



## Happening Today

**Sunday School Classes** run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classrooms are marked in the education wing hallways. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the youth room.

**Easter offering**—If you missed last week, you may still give an Easter offering which will be used toward UM camp fees for our children and youth, and the remainder shared with Heifer International. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

### **Guest Speaker on Refugee Congress Today**

Guest speaker Margaret Yap from the Refugee Congress will be here this morning between services. Refugee Congress is an advocacy and advisory organization comprised of refugees from across the United States who seek to champion domestic and international refugee issues. Grab a cup of coffee and head to the back of the fellowship hall at 9:20 am!

## Coming Up

### **Membership Class May 4**

Come for a fun morning of conversation and fellowship to learn more about our Buffalo UMC traditions and beliefs, and also history and values of The United Methodist Church on **Saturday, May 4 at 9 am**. All are welcome, and following the class, those who wish to move forward with membership will be received as members during worship on **Sunday, May 19**. Sign up on the bulletin board today, please.

### **Easter Garden Thank You**

Special thanks to Maryann Barfknecht and Julie Bedker for assembling our beautiful Easter Resurrection Garden, and thank you to all who donated flowers or cash to make it happen! Be sure to take your donated flowers home with you today after worship. If you can't remember what you ordered, a sheet is posted with the list.

### **Help Make Party in the Park a Success!**

Remember, a good party requires good hosts---and that's our congregation! Many volunteers are needed to make Party in the Park happen, so if you can help with any of the following, please let us know!

- Loan us a canopy for the day
- Lead an activity like petting zoo animals, clowns, magicians, unique crafts
- General volunteer—to help with set-up, parking, clean-up, games and activities.
- Publicity help - pass the word by putting up

flyers at work, your apartment building, or inviting friends and neighbors.

- Another goal for the event is to raise funds for the permanent shade canopy. You can donate anytime—a jar is in the entryway.

And remember, just coming, having fun and helping to welcome our guests is important! Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and anyone who wants to have a good time! Sign up at church ASAP! Contact Gloria Farwick or Debbie Bishop with questions.

### **Thursday Game Day This Week**

Warm up your spirit and enjoy relaxed fellowship at our Game Day this **Thursday, May 2 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Coffee is provided and you should bring a snack to share. A variety of games are enjoyed.

**Quarterly Contribution Statements** are available in the entry way. Save us a stamp and pick yours up on the way out.

### **Confirmation Corner**

Confirmation students have a Focus Night on **Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 pm**. Remember to bring your bible.



### **Chancel Chimes at Care Centers**

You'll hear the handbells in worship at both services on Sunday, May 5, but you are also welcome to join the Chancel Chimes and the residents as they play short concerts at local care centers. They will play at Annandale Care Center on **Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm**, then also at Parkview Care Center Chapel on **Wednesday, May 8 at 7 pm**. This is the last time they play before summer handbell hiatus.

### **Community Baby Animal Fair on May 5**

The final ever Baby Animal Fair takes place this year on **Sunday, May 5 from noon-4 pm** at the Buffalo Civic Center. BUMC will host the pig booth and sell popcorn. This event raises funds for Heifer International, an organization that provides animals and food production support around the world. If you took home and filled one of the offering boxes from church, bring it back to church **on Sunday, May 5 or take to the fair yourself**. If you'd like to help one last time with this event, please see Maryann Barfknecht, Laurie or Curtis.

### **Summer Worship Change Starts May 26!**

This summer the Leadership Team has decided to have us try just one worship service together. We're calling it "Meet in the Middle" because we plan to split the difference on worship times and start at **9:00 am**. This starts with our Memorial Weekend service on **May 26** and runs through Labor Day Sunday, September 1. For more information on what it will be like and the reasons behind the decision, please read the detailed article later in the newsletter.

### **Celebration Sunday May 19**

Sunday, May 19 is our Celebration Sunday when we thank our SS teachers and other leaders in the church, and celebrate all that we have learned and accomplished together in mission and ministry over the past year. It's also the last day of Sunday School! Lots of things are happening, so plan to be here!

**All SS children sing at BOTH services** to honor SS teachers. They sing at the end of the 8:15 service (**be here by 9:00!**) and near the

beginning of the 10:30 service (**done by 10:45**).

### **Bring a finger food** for our SS Banquet Table!

(Due to some **severe** nut allergies, we ask that you bring a nut free snack. There is a list of nut free snacks on the SS bulletin board. Parents, if your children have special food requirements, please bring something for them to enjoy!)

### **Prayer Journal Gathering/Reunion May 13**

There has been interest in having a "reunion" gathering for all who participated in prayer journaling sessions with Sheryl Lehman at the women's retreat or in classes here at church. So on **Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm**, please come and share your experiences with prayer journaling and how you've felt God. And it's okay to share, even if journaling hasn't turned out the way you hoped! Sign up on the bulletin board...come-share-support! All welcome, even if you just want to come get a workbook and get started.

### **Romans Bible Study Begins May 29**

A new six-week Bible study called *Romans: The Letter that Changed the World* begins on **Wednesday, May 29 from 6:00-7:00 pm**. Couples are encouraged to come together, but all are welcome. (Note we could change the time if later works better.) We know summer is busy and you may miss a week or two, but join us when you can. Each session includes a short video, so if you don't get readings done ahead of time, you'll still be able to participate. Spread the word and sign up soon at church!! Call Pam Sieberg at 763-682-4734 with questions.

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## Next Sunday

### Five Invitations from Jesus: Come and See

As Jesus was beginning his ministry, he followed a basic approach of offering invitations to all he met, with each invitation followed by experiences and instructions. One of the first he issued to his disciples was "Come and see." He knew we all need first-hand experiences with Jesus to become followers. As we are called to make disciples for the Kingdom, do we invite others to "come and see"? This is the first service in a new worship series called Five Invitation from Jesus.

### Prayer Matters

- Please hold the family of Jean Olson in prayer, as they grieve Jean, whose memorial service was here yesterday.
- Pray for Kate Bjorklund, mother of Jan Heyerdahl and Tammy Jacobs, and her family. After a brief hospital stay, she has returned to ParkView and is now in hospice care.
- Please pray for Katy and Hunter, whose 1-year old Alyra died from heart failure.



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## Serving Today

Musicians: Joyful Praise Team (8:15)  
Marianne Kreitlow (10:30)  
Tech: Glenda Vidmar, Joe Schroeder  
Scripture Reader: Rebecca Warner (10:30)  
Ushers: Dave & Pam Sieberg (8:15)  
Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann (10:30)  
Coffee Servers: Maryann Barfknecht  
Nursery: Angie Masteller

## This Week in Ministry

### Tuesday, April 30

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

### Wednesday, May 1

2:00 pm Guest Connections Team Meeting  
6:00 pm Sr. High Youth  
6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night  
6:30 pm Handbells @ Annandale Care Center  
7:30 pm Joyful Praise Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 2

1:00 pm Thursday Gathering  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study at Paulette's

### Saturday, May 4

7:30 am Worship Design Team Meeting  
9:00 am New Member Class

### Sunday, May 5

8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship  
9:20 am Fellowship & Education  
10:30 am Celebration Worship  
12:00 pm Baby Animal Fair @ Civic Center

## Church Leadership & Staff

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