

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to sign the guest book in the front entryway.
Restrooms are at the end of the hallways upstairs and downstairs.
Please join us for Fellowship Hour after the service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

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THE CHAPEL IN MINISTRY AND MISSION

Our next KITCHEN CUPBOARD DEDICATION will be Sunday, May 12. Please consider bringing in non-perishable foods and health supplies; lists of needed items are on the foyer table, and donation baskets are under the coat rack. Or you may donate loose change and bills in the noisy can. ***Thank you for your steadfast generosity!***

Thank you to all the faithful who helped to make our Easter worship service so faithful, meaningful and joy-filled!

Next week is the last week before end of semester at Ithaca College; that means A BREAK FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENT CHOIR MEMBERS. Please join us in worship to hear them sing with us and offer a blessing as they leave us for the summer. We will still have our beloved choir, of course, all are welcome to join and sing praise to God!

Last call on Pastor Robin's books-to-lend-library in the outer office. She will be packing them up by the end of May to make room for your next appointed spiritual leader.

Be sure to speak with Jackie Nock about TEACHING A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for the young people among us. There was a Safe Sanctuary training at Lansing UMC, yesterday. If you wanted to attend but could not, Sara Haefeli will be offering another training this fall. We are all encouraged to attend the training so that we are all able to lead Sunday school, feel confident about visiting members who are home-bound, and stay informed on the most recent ideas about how to keep the most vulnerable among us safe in our care.

Next week we will move into the conversation about the Ascension of Jesus and wonder, how do we recognize him now? Read ahead: John 21:1-19, Acts 9:1-6, 17-20.

Worship at the Chapel on May 12 and hear the BELL CHOIR FROM ST. PAUL'S UMC, in celebration of Matt and Crystal's wedding the day before!

Thank you for all your well wishes on my new appointment. I have loved being your Pastor. That said, I still love being your pastor and am taking lunch invitations! or coffee, or dinner or just make sure you come see me before I am off to the next adventure!

Blessings, Pastor Robin

The **NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** will be Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.



FOREST HOME CHAPEL

April 28, 2019

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Ministers: All the People

CHAPEL MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing God's will for our community through education, compassion, and justice.
"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."
~ Micah 6:8 ~



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**Forest Home Chapel
United Methodist Church**

April 28, 2019

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Merilee Nord, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PLEASE GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One of our goals at the Chapel is to help people experience a sense of belonging.

Please return to your seats as the music begins.

INTROIT Maria Rabbia, Music Director & Chapel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is the first day of our week.

Lord, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

Lord, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

Praise be to God. Amen.

*HYMN #139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears.

Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your blessed Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Peace. Be still. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Jesus came to bring you new life. Believe in him. Receive the blessing of hope and peace. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31 Elizabeth Mount, Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT *(Children come forward as we sing)*

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, Bread and Cup, Prayer and Song: this is where children belong. After this time, children may go downstairs for Sunday school.

*HYMN #90 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

MESSAGE Doubting Thomas & Me
District Superintendent Rev. Jeff McDowell, DMin

CHORAL AMEN

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Following each, the pastor says: "Lord in your blessings."

*The people respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

TIME OF SILENCE/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER (#895)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *(Our "Noisy Can" collects loose change for local food ministries. We also dedicate our Kitchen Cupboard donations.)*

*DOXOLOGY #95 / PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

In our songs and in our words, we give praise to you, Lord. In our worship, study, and service, we see the work of your hand, we thank you. Loving God, please bless this offering to your purpose. Beautiful Savior, with all that we are, and with all that we have, we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

*TFWS #2008 *Let All Things Now Living*

*BENEDICTION

Let the trumpet sound! Let the voices be raised in celebration! Go into God's world with joy, knowing that God's love goes with you. Be at peace! **AMEN!**

*POSTLUDE

*You may stand.