

Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

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Serena Rice, *pastor* • Benjamin Schroeder, *music director*



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ, and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher if they would like a follow-up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The Ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), online bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and allergen-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

Prelude on BICENTENNIAL

by Robert E. Kreutz
arr. Ron Schmoltze

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Pause for silent reflection.

P Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, powerful waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in sorrow and in joy, in pain and in healing, in despair and in hope. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows with blessings. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Spirit Song TFF 105



Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his



love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.



Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a



dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.



Refrain
Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and

fill your lambs. Je - sus, O

Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

Verse 2

**Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
 As your hearts are filled with joy,
 Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
 Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
 Give him all your years of pain,
 And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Repeat Refrain***

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **B** Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Ⓒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⓓ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Repeat Refrain



Ⓔ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Repeat Refrain



I
II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



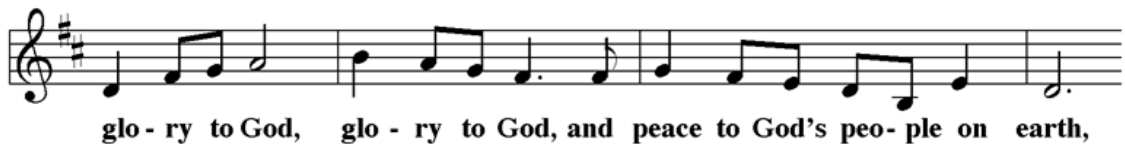
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God our shepherd,

***C* you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

L A reading from Acts.

The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent

much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The Word of the Lord.

***C* Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

The Psalm will be spoken responsively, by verse.

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

- 2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

L A reading from First Peter.

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand, if you are able.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a

stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved

and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

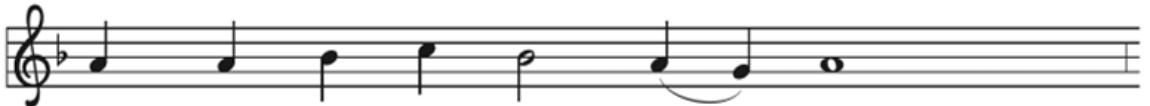
SERMON

Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd ACS 954



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



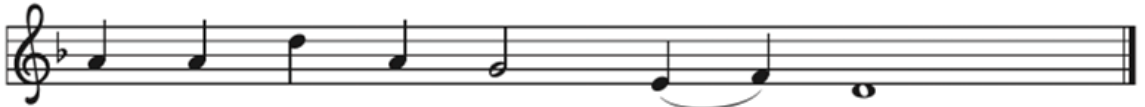
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Based on Acts 10:34–48)

C We believe that God, the Creator of all, shows no partiality, but among every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable.

We believe that God has reached out to the world, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. In the early church, this message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced, and to the ends of the earth: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by evil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did.

The powers of the day put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to the first believers who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded them, and through them commands us, to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who trusts in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who falls upon all who hear and trust the word. We believe in the gift of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe in the welcome and holy community of all who share this faith. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of shadow in the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far, and for all who feel alone in their fears. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, you show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways of renewal. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation, and to see signs of environmental degradation not as hopeless losses, but as calls to reverse course. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Where those of ill-intent seek to break in as thieves to lure away your people, teach us to recognize only your voice. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptations of power, violence, or vengeance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Great Healer, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Bodhi, Barbara P, Susan & William, Scott, George, Sibylle, Leslie, Hailey, Kate, Dawn, Heinz, Ellen, Vicki, and Shariff. *(Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.)* We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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CHOIR ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Traditional southern American hymn tune

Words by Isaac Watts
arr. Virgil Thomson



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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A Merciful God,

C accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us now with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and through us bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, almighty and everliving God. We are bound and blessed to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal Life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P God of Resurrection, we praise you for your love. Your self-giving love spun the world into being and has called and carried your people through every age. Your love took its greatest expression when you sent your only Son to live, die, and rise again for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, the life you lived with us and the life you gave for us, we await your return with joy. Send your Spirit to us now, to birth in us the same love that you have shown us, and unite us to follow your example in the world. All honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P Jesus, unite us as we pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

P Come to the table of new life.

C We come to receive fullness of life from the risen Lord.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. At the rail you may stand or kneel, hold your hand flat for the bread, and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.



☒ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **ELW 484**



Refrain
You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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Stand, if you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Holy One,

C **through this meal you have made your home among us, and through us you are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**



☩ Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-

one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the resurrection, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

All stand, as able, and sing.



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Celebration

Robert J. Hughes



"The altar flowers are donated in honor of Doug & Demetria Laird's 45th Wedding Anniversary!"

Next Week's Lessons:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Serving in Worship		
	Today, 4/26	Next Week, 5/3
Altar Guild	Sibylle Schroeder	Sibylle Schroeder
Counter	Sandy Carlson	George Pawlo
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez
Lector	Doug Laird	Cindy Vittitow
Communion Assist.	Howard Corneilson	Doug Laird
Usher/Greeter	Cindy Pawlo	Sibylle Schroeder
Acolyte	Cindy Pawlo	Sandy Carlson
Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Nick Senior

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Serena: Wednesday, 4/22: 3:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Thursday 4/23 : 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sunday, 4/26: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Catherine Belfiore: Thursday 4/23 : 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginetz, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore, David Breault, Charles Wetzell, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Brian Henkel, Judy Day, Mary Beth Mueller, Joseph DeSantis, Jenn DiDino, Nancy Tullo, Sue Corneilson, Mary & Gene Kasakove, Barb Phinney, Sarah Laird, Judy Wayman, Evelyn Jorgensen, Willey Langley, Courtney & Austin Eddington, and Carol Schenck.

Those in mourning: Evelyn Jorgensen and family mourning the lost of her half-brother, Rüdiger; Ellen Lewis and family mourning the loss of Mike Lewis; The Persson Family on the loss of Kayla; Those mourning Dan Filin (partner of Pastor Serena's mom); The family of Dawn Parks; The loved ones of Carole Ernstrom; Those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; The friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; The friends and family of the Benoit family who suddenly lost their daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church office hours:** Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please check the weekly bulletin and Monday e-blast for alterations in her schedule. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

- **Food Pantry Needs for Spring:** Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten-free pasta.

- **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested please sign up by the last Sunday of the prior month. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or send an email to Catherine Belfiore (aplebuddlake@gmail.com) with your dedication and the date you want the flowers on the altar and send your check to the church.

- **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store-bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

ART, MUSIC, AND LITURGY

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, April 26:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Forum: Being a Welcoming Church, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 27:

- Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 28:

- (Pastor at off-site Ministerium Day)

Wednesday, April 29:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30:

- Cluster Zoom Study on Meditation, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, May 3:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Sunday School
- Forum Series: Being a Connecting Church, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 4:

Tuesday, May 5:

Wednesday, May 6:

- AA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 7:

- Cluster Zoom Study on Meditation, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8:

Saturday, May 9:

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10, 11:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Brunch

Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. - Understanding & Resisting Christian Nationalism Zoom Workshop

Sundays, May 17 - Forum Series: Invite, Welcome, Connect Conclusion

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday Multi-Lingual Readers Needed.

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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