

ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 22, 2018

Hymnsing

Welcome

***Song of Praise** "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS 2270

Announcements

Music to Prepare Our Hearts Ardis Gustafson
"People Need the Lord"

*Call to Worship

L: Friends in Christ, come apart from the chaos for a while, and linger in the presence of God who is our source of life.

P: **God calls us to renew ourselves, and to find our life's purpose.**

L: The One who has made us would not have us journey alone. We gather as a sacred community of love, together on the quest to know God's hope for our lives and for this church.

P: **May we truly seek to live more faithfully as Christ's family, listening for the voice of God in our midst.**

***Hymn of Praise** "Lift High the Cross" UMH 159

Children's Moments Theresa Sanders

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Lord of the cross, you call us to follow you. We mouth a yes and nod an okay, but do we know what you've asked us to do? We're to love you more than others? Some say that cross is too heavy. Still, you compel us to follow, knowing that this cross is too heavy for us to carry alone. You say, count the cost and consider what discipleship is. Sometimes we squirm and say the cost is too great and the sacrifices too numerous. Still, you compel us to follow. The cross you ask us to carry is not nearly as heavy as the cross you carried for us. Nevertheless, we complain—and you listen. We search for an easier alternative—and you watch us. God, help us to admit when we get frustrated by the enormity of discipleship. Extend grace and mercy toward us. Wrap us inside of your unconditional love. And patiently compel us to follow you again. Amen.

Personal Prayer ~ a time of quiet to speak with, and listen to the Lord

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

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.

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen**
Choral Amen

Anthem "This Little Light of Mine" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 14:25-33 NT 78

***Hymn of Preparation** UMH 424
"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

Message "Love Is a 4-Letter Word" Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Offering Acts 2:42, 44-47 NT 120

Prayer of Thanksgiving (**Unison**)

With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you not only in the hearing, but in the doing of your word. Amen.

Song During Offering Ardis Gustafson
"Praise to the Lord"

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Holy Communion

Song During Communion Ardis Gustafson
Holy, Holy/He Laid His Hand On Me

***Hymn of Commitment** "Are Ye Able?" UMH 530

*Sending Forth

L: With empty hands and open hearts, go forth to follow Jesus in love and service to the world.

P: **In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go into the world to be the people of God, the body of Christ!**

*Blessing

***Song of Joy** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

***Music for Going Forth** Ardis Gustafson
"His Name is Wonderful"

Special Prayers for Those in Need

CANCER: Anne Comstock; Daniel Pino; Nicky Pino; Margaret Thomas; Johnny McVey; Jo Johnson; Bill Stevens; Roger Hill; Daniel Pino; Sandi Gilreath; Christina Adams; Deb Miller; Susan Bennett; Paull Weisenberger; Diane; Anita Rei Dutton; Ohmar Lindquist; Beth Cupp; Judy Greerin; Robin Keans; Brittany; Clyde Minks; Nancy Schaffer; Ruth Rowzer; Amy Gustafson; Jack Edmonds; Rowland B; Alice B; Shelby; Sandra Janvernick; Margret Thomas; Deann; Quentin Van Vleet; Margaret Adams; Lee Svoboda

HEALTH: Allen; Kim Phillips; LeAnn; John Norris; Michele Ziomik; Vicki Johnston; Lance; Angie Williams; Renee Spears; Linda Williams; Myra Platz; David Williams; Claudette Carlson; Harry Green; Duane Allen; Maxine Molander; Ken Buttgens Kathy Bausch; Everitt Deidiker

OTHER REQUEST: Hudson Family; The Porter Family; The Porras Family; Our Country; First Responders; The Family of Mark Brush; RaeAnn Fox

MILITARY: Jared D. Angel; Jackson; Jose; Jason Morgan

PRAISE : New Life

JOBS: Kristi; Jennifer; Jeff B.; Randy Mason

SHUT-INS Jean Mundy; Renee Spears; Shirley Hart; Betty Hall; Lovella Torbert; Marie Spencer; Charlene Hebrink

Please write down your prayer requests on a pew or packet card and place in the offering plate to keep us updated. Prayer requests are reviewed and removed from the list every 30-60 days, but can be resubmitted. Please contact the church office to place someone on the prayer chain.

Calendar for April 22 through April 28, 2018

<p>Sunday, April 22 10:30 Acknowledging God 3:30 pm Youth Group</p> <p>Monday, April 23</p> <p>Tuesday, April 24 6:30 pm Explore Together</p> <p>Wednesday, April 25 1:00 pm Disciple I 4:00 pm SPRC 6:00 pm Handbells</p>	<p>Thursday, April 26 10:30 am Bible & Bread (Mickey D's) 4:00 pm Choir Practice <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i></p> <p>Friday, April 27 Office Closed</p> <p>Saturday, April 28 3:00 - 5:00 pm Community Feast</p> <p> MARK YOUR CALENDARS!</p>
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Note: Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8 am-3pm, and on Fridays by appointment only.

Outreach and Service Opportunities

Apache Junction Health Center - We lead worship every 2nd Sunday of each month and also the 5th Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Clothing Closet - Each Saturday we give away clothing, toiletries and other necessities to people in need. Donations are accepted!

Giving to the church through your Will is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your Estate Plan is prepared, consider a gift to your Church.

Welcome to Desert Chapel!

We look forward to worshipping with you today. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or greeter, who will be glad to assist you.

Restrooms, including handicap accessible facilities, are located on right (west) side of the sanctuary, and may be entered near either building entrance door. Additional restrooms are outside the lobby in the education building to the north of the sanctuary.

Children Are Welcome and Loved

All children are welcome at Desert Chapel! No matter their age and behavior, children may attend the full worship service, participate in the Children's Moments, and attend Sunday school following worship. We do have a nursery available in room 3 for the convenience of parents of children up to age 3, and there is a "cry room" located on the right (west) side of the sanctuary.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the sound board at the back on the left (east) side of the sanctuary. You may also ask an usher to assist you.

About Worship

Our aim in worship is to glorify and praise God, to learn and to grow, and to begin to connect with one another. In order to open the way for all to worship, we use an "order" of worship, which is presented in paper format and on the projection screen. Worshippers are welcome to follow and participate in whatever way helps them connect with God. Worshippers may choose to sing or not sing, sit or stand or kneel, raise hands or keep them down, open or close their eyes, or assume any posture which makes sense to them.

Greeting One Another ~ Generally worshippers move around the room and welcome one another, shaking hands and sharing names. All are encouraged to use this time to welcome someone they do not know.

We Share Our Gifts (Offering) - each Sunday, we invite worshippers to make a monetary gift to the church in grateful response to what God has done for them, and as a sign of their faith. Guests are welcome to make such a gift, but are not expected to do so.

Passing the Peace ~ Occasionally we will "pass the peace of Christ" during our communion celebration. This is a symbol of restoring relationships with one another which may be broken, or which may be strong and celebrated. This comes from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5, where he instructs us to make peace before offering our gifts...and ourselves...to God.

Applause in Worship - because worship is our time to experience the presence of the living God, the choirs and other musicians bring their gifts to both make them an offering to God, and to help the rest of us encounter God. Please refrain from applauding their "performance" - for it is really an act of worship. Appropriate responses would include a whispered thanksgiving, or a resounding "amen!"

In the printed order, there are some **abbreviations** which give general direction. They include:

An asterisk (*), which indicates that worshippers are invited to stand as they are able.

UMH indicates songs or prayers found in "The United Methodist Hymnal" in the pew pockets.

TFWS indicates songs or prayers found in "The Faith We Sing" in the pew pockets

NT indicates the page on which a passage of scripture may be found in the New Testament in the pew Bibles.

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Special Sundays and Celebrations

Hymn Sing ~ Each week, from 8:45—9:00, we sing hymns and songs from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing as they are called out by worshippers. Anyone may call out a song, and any song may be chosen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ On the first Sunday of each month during hymn sing, we invite (but do not require!) people who have a birthday or anniversary in that month to stand so we may celebrate with them.

Noisy Change ~ On the second Sunday of each month, we collect change which is used to support ministry with youth and children.

Celebrating the Goodness of God ~ On the third Sunday of each month, anyone who wishes to tell of something God has done for them during that month are invited to share.

Greeting and Fellowship time ~ We invite you to spend some time greeting people you may not know, welcoming them to church!

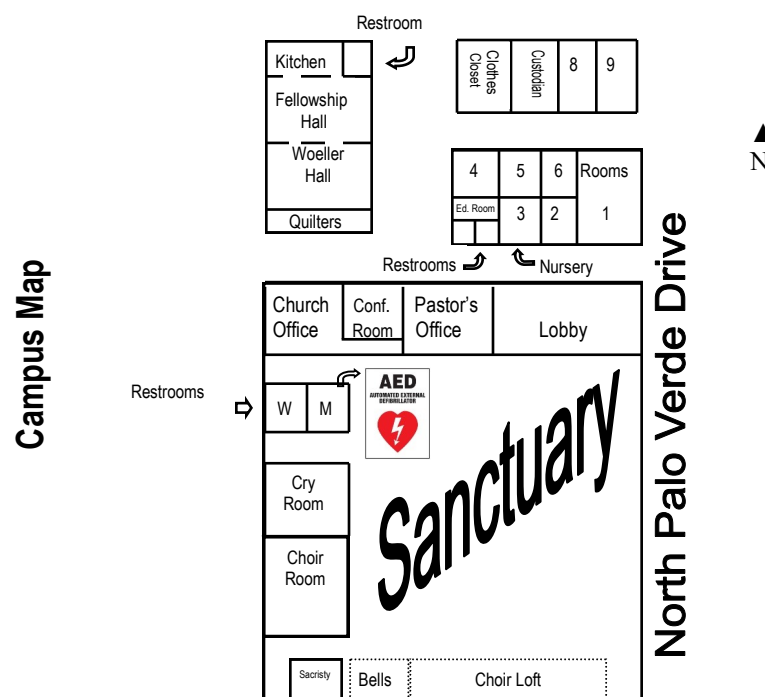
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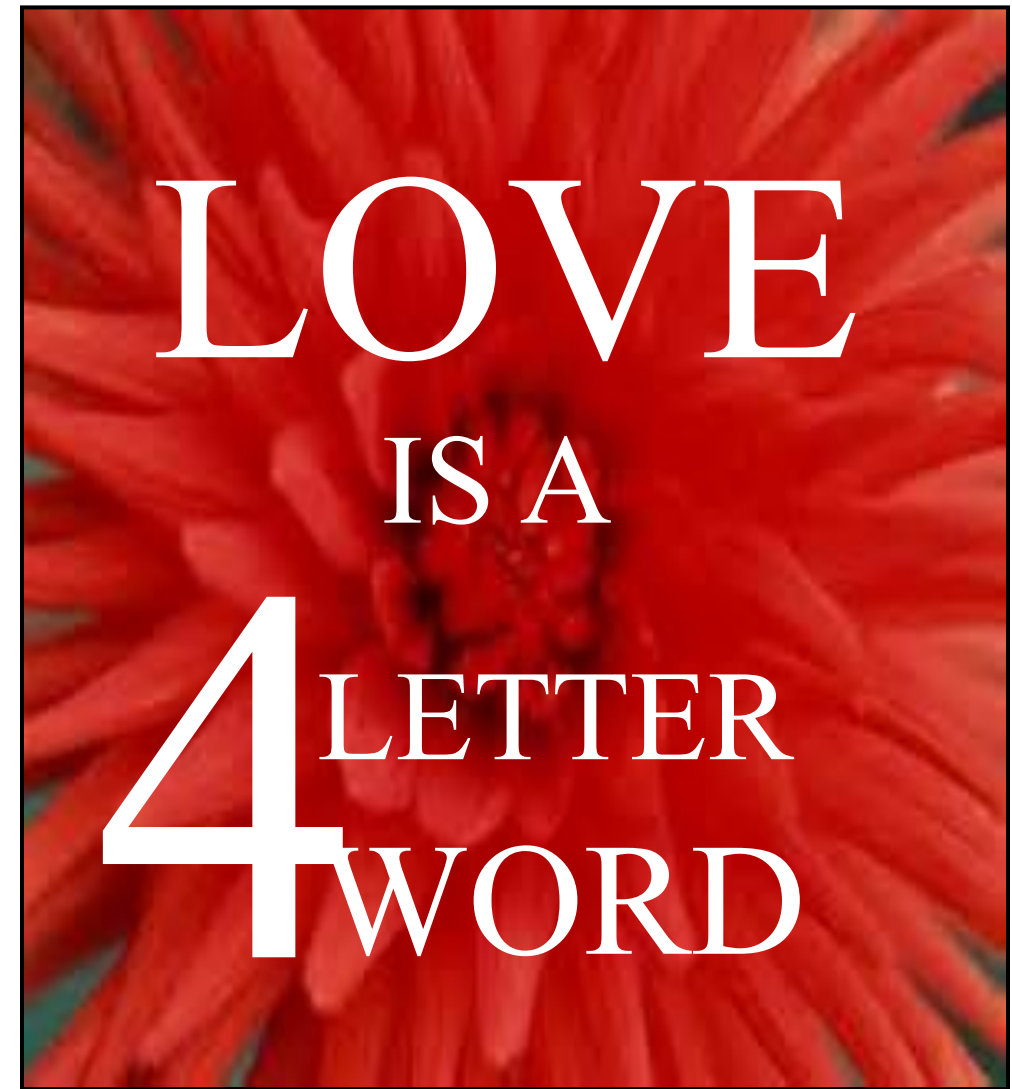
Every month our congregation will be focusing on one particular outreach ministry. We will be collecting items or money for specific community or church groups, or invite members to participate in hands on ministry where needed.

For the month of April outreach ministry we will be focusing on:

Clothing Closet



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