

Napa Methodist Church

May 5, 2024



Resurrection Stories

**The United Methodist Church:
Following Jesus, Thriving in Community,
Healed**



Wherever you are on your journey of faith you're welcome here.

Prelude

Brian Shaw

Worship Leaders: Larry and Jeanette Gittings

- * Welcome to worship! If you're worshipping online with us there's a link to the bulletin on the church website.
- * Please sign and pass the registration books.
- * Prayer cards in the pews are to share joys and concerns and go in the basket on the Communion rail. Prayers can also be emailed to office@napanemethodist.org to be shared with the Prayer Group.
- * Today is Intergenerational worship and Communion, and we especially welcome children and their families. So that everyone can participate in Communion we serve grape juice and have regular and gluten-free bread.
- * Show your support for our Sierra Service Project missionaries at the "dine and donate" at Mother's Tacos on May 8.
- * Taizé worship is this Wednesday at 6pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- * Next Sunday is Mother's Day and we hope you'll celebrate with us!

UMH The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS The Faith We Sing Songbook
HM Himnario Metodista (Spanish hymnal)

***Opening Song** *A Place at the Table* (back page)

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Children Ring Bells to Call Us to Worship

Call to Worship

This country is made up of so many who escaped to the "promised land" from oppressive regimes. Throughout history, people have had to flee situations of horror. Even within our country and in our own time, there are those who live with oppression and fear. We seek to widen our understanding of what we must do to continue to work for liberation on so many front

**Everyone: Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Gospel Story is Told

Riley Andersen, Pat Parker, Todd Manning, Pastor Marylee

Children Ring Bells

Song for Children *Halle, Halle, Halle* TFWs #2026
Led by William Somerville and Loie Whitmer

Time for Children Pat Parker

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Know that Christ shows us how to love ourselves and others, ensuring that all are nourished and cared for. Because of this, we can be honest about our lives, our struggles, and the things that keep us locked up. This is the key to peace: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for liberation is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting your life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we can know liberation. Please pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Choir Anthem *Holy*

Scripture Exodus 3: 1-15
Larry Gitting, Steve Cairns, Bob McIntire

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Everyone: Thanks be to God!

***Song** *There'll be Sunshine in the Morning*

Sermon *Resurrection Stories: Liberated* Pastor Marylee

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Marylee: Here is the table set for our special meal. The bread, the juice, prepared and presented. Ready to be served and shared. We remember Jesus sharing a

meal like this with His disciples, His friends. He included everyone, those He could trust and those He could not trust.

Everyone: Today we are His disciples, His friends.

Each one of us is welcome. How amazing it is to be loved and wanted even when we have not been perfect. How wonderful it is to be included as we are.

Marylee: When Jesus shared the bread with His friends, he explained that He is the Bread of Life. Like bread, Jesus nourishes and strengthens us so that we can know right and wrong and not be confused.

Everyone: When we eat the bread together, we are strengthened as a community to remember Jesus and do the things Jesus would do in our world.

Marylee: Jesus also used a cup of the fruit of grapes to teach His disciples. He compared the red juice to blood, to help us remember the suffering in the world.

Everyone: Drinking the juice together helps us remember that we are all part of a special agreement, a covenant, with God.

Marylee: God loves us so much that when we make mistakes, or when we make bad choices, God has agreed to forgive us and give us a second chance, every time. This is ordinary bread and ordinary juice. But when we eat the bread together and drink the juice together, something extraordinary happens which brings us closer to Jesus and to one another. We become the Body of Christ.

Everyone: That means that our eyes and ears see and hear what Jesus would see in our world. And our arms and hands do Jesus's work to help others.

Marylee: Please come and receive the Bread of Life. May it strengthen you to do what is right. Please come and receive the Cup of Forgiveness. Remember God's agreement to give each of us another chance to be better people.

Prayer After Communion

Everyone: God of love, thank You for strengthening us with the Bread of Life. Thank You for forgiving us and giving us another chance to do what is right. We promise to be the living Body of Christ, nourished by this special meal. We promise to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone. Amen.

Prayer Song *I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

UMH #333

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Led by Canela Family

Learning the Lord's Prayer in Spanish

Padre nuestro,

que estás en el cielo.

Santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

**Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos**

a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Invitation to Give Our Gifts

There are many ways to support the mission and ministries of Napa Methodist Church including checks, cash, online, or using this QR code.



Offertory

Valses Poetico by E. Granados

Brian Shaw

***Doxology**

I Love to Tell the Story

(tune UMH #156, HM #56)

The Savior of our stories has brought His peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.

To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants His peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Pastor Marylee

***Closing Song**

Go Now in Peace

UMH #665

Led by William Somerville

