

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #94  
*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #302  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Carol Prindle

Join United Women in Faith on Monday, April 6 at 5:30pm for the program, **Heart Spirits**, presented by Connie Helstad and Barb McKenzie. This program honors and remembers Indigenous women affected by violence. Call Luane with questions 715-299-1539.



**\*\*\*\*\*Attention Keyholders\*\*\*\*\***

We will soon be installing a **new security system** at the church. Training and instructions will be provided once everything is in place. Please stay tuned for updates.

**United Women in Faith Social Action Day Watch Party**  
**How Congregations Are Responding to Immigration Issues**

**Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m.–Noon** in the sanctuary The event will be held via Zoom, and **all are welcome** to join! Registration forms and program details are available at the **Information Station** in the **Gathering Area**. **Registrations are due April 6**, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact **Luane at 715-299-1539**



**Coffee & Fellowship**

We'd love to have you join us for coffee and fellowship in the gathering area after worship today. Come enjoy good conversation and a warm welcome — **Everyone is invited!**



**Dinner Church**  
**Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM**  
**EVERYONE is welcome!**  
**REQUEST: Dessert Items**  
 (Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)

**Volunteers** Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required. Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.  
**Menu this week: Homemade Pizza, Fruit & Dessert**



**Spiritual Formation Group**

A new group is forming to support your spiritual growth and introduce the **Enneagram** as a tool for reflection and making a **Spiritual Autobiography**.  
 Every Friday, 2 pm

**Welcome Our New Communications Coordinator**

We are delighted to introduce **Stefanie Shannon**, who has joined our team. She will be working with our social media, website, app and other communication needs as we continue to grow in connection with our congregation and community.

Do You Yearn for a New Day for Your Church?

**Breakthrough Prayer Training Initiative**

April 11th, 10am-3pm Register by April 6th  
 St. Paul's UMC Scan the QR code for  
 Stevens Point more information




**Upcoming Church Meetings**

UWF	Mon	April 6	5:30pm
SPRC	Thur	April 9	5:30pm

Ushers: Alan & Paula Voskuil, Jim Bible  
 Fellowship: Karen Pennekamp

**Black River Falls United Methodist Church**



**UMC Mission Statement:**  
*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

### INVITATION AND GATHERING

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP

L: We don't know where to find Jesus.

**P: The days have been dark. The news has been sad.**

L: We don't know what to do with our grief.

**P: The cross has claimed his life. The tomb has shrouded our hope.**

L: We don't know where to turn for comfort.

**P: Who has stolen him from us? Why are we alone at the tomb?**

L: We don't know where to look for answers.

**P: Tears and sorrow blind us in our grief. We don't know where to find Jesus.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

TFWS #2070

*He is Exalted*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse.**

**The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.**

**Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you**

**do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Do not fear. God has conquered death. Jesus Christ, who was crucified, is risen from the dead. Love has been poured out again for each one of us. ALLELUIA! AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**With overflowing joy and boundless gratitude for new life in Christ, let us share the triumph of love over hate as we exchange signs of Christ's peace this blessed day.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

**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. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:14-15

**<sup>14</sup>Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

1 John 3:8

**He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

John 20:21

**So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."**

Romans 7:4

**Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.**

\*HYMN

UMH #322

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

MESSAGE

Rev. Shon

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

### THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In John's Gospel we hear how Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still dark but found the stone moved. She ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple with him. The two men ran to the tomb, went inside, and found it empty. Now the story continues. The two men went home, but Mary stayed outside the tomb. Eventually she looked inside and saw two angels. Turning away, she saw someone (but did not recognize who it was), and heard him ask, "Why are you weeping?"

When that conversation continued, Mary realized this was Jesus...not dead, but alive! Jesus directed her to go and tell the disciples who she had seen.

At this table, the story continues into a new chapter. Jesus, now the risen Christ, invites us to come and feast. At this table, all are invited to share in a feast of love. You're encouraged to eat the bread, and drink fully from the cup, recognizing this setting is a rehearsal dinner for the great feast at the end of time, when Christ will gather people from all time and all places.

Come! Rejoice in this simple meal. Remember. Give thanks. And anticipate!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

I invite you to join me, recognizing the empty tomb somehow fills us to overflowing. Like Mary Magdalene, weeping until she heard her name! In joyful celebration we demonstrate our love by presenting our tithes and our above-and-beyond gifts for our Easter offering.