CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 27

10:30 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm Worship Coffee HI Vermillion Children's Choir: Spring Gala @ UCC

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 am- Noon 6:30 pm Coffee with Pastor Katie at The Bean Scouts

Wednesday, April 30 7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 4

9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am

Bible Study Worship Coffee HI

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister Michail Chalkiopolous - Organ Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/Piano Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director Paul Ebsen - Media Director Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2024-2025 Interns

Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano Shaelyn Laferty - Choir, Alto Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor Max Huska - LAF, Nursery Jozie Kumm - Media Intern



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PRELUDE

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Victor C. Johnson

WELCOME

Friendship Pads

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Card and place it in the collection plate. Our prayer team would be honored to lift your needs in prayer.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*INTROIT "Where Charity and Love Prevail, V. 1" 396 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Holy One, whose love knows no end. God's mercy is endless, stretching beyond all time. The Spirit is our strength, our song, and our salvation. Even in struggle, Love rises and sets us free. The stone once rejected has become the cornerstone. The Maker's work is wondrous in our eyes. This is the day that justice and joy are reborn. We will rejoice and walk this day in hope.

*INVOCATION

In the midst of our overwhelm and fear, Tender God, we do not expect to meet you. Yet you are here, among us, holding out your hands to us, breathing Spirit over us, showing us again and again that nothing can separate us from you. Surround us with your peace in this moment, and let our fears rest in you. Amen.

MUSIC TO INSPIRE	"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"	Carter
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
SCRIPTURE	John 20:19-31	
MEDITATION	Reverend Jacq	ueline Morgan
HYMN OF MEDITATION	N "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends	" 249
A TIME FOR PRAYER Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer		

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

These days place before us many reasons to be afraid. Violence and injustice seem to be growing unchecked. Like the disciples, who similarly faced so many reasons to be afraid, we might be drawn to lock our doors and look for safety by closing ourselves off from others. But today's scripture reminds us that real safety comes with the flourishing of all people. Even in the midst of our fears, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and sent out. So let us unlock our hearts and unclench our fists, offering what we have in this moment as a symbol of our commitment to go out and be the presence of Love in our world.

OFFERTORY

"Andantino"

Cesar Franck

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*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In the presence of fear, may these gifts bring hope. Where doors are locked, may these offerings open new possibilities. Where there are wounds, may these gifts honor their truth. In the presence of despair, may these offerings testify to a new world rising up. To this collective liberation, we dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN	"This is a Day of New Beginnings"	417			
*BENEDICTION Hear the resurrection blessing Jesus offered his disciples when they were dwelling in fear: "I am here. We are here together. Peace be with you." In the midst of your fear, when the way ahead seems impossible or unclear, no matter where your journey takes you in the coming days, even behind locked doors, know this resurrection blessing is for you: God is here. We are here together. Peace be with you. Amen.					
POSTLUDE	"Thine Be That Glory"	Organ Solo			
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USHERS: Dave Hulkenon, Confirmation I DEACON OF THE DAY: Patty Armstrong NURSERY: Jama Christopherson COFFEE HI: Kari Jensen and Mary Ellen Jensen					

Thank you to Reverend Jacqueline Morgan for leading today's worship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERMILLION CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SPRING GALA

The Vermillion Children's Choir will present their Spring Gala Concert this **afternoon at 3:00 pm at the UCC** Vermillion. Enjoy your Sunday afternoon with these wonderfully talented children as they showcase the selections they have learned throughout the course of the year. There is no cost to attend, but a freewill donation will be collected to **benefit the VCC**.

LENT PROJECT: SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE NUMBERS

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who supported our Lent giving project: *Sleep in Heavenly Peace.* Because of your generosity, we were able to collect: **5 sheet sets 6 mattress protectors, 19 comforter sets, 23 pillows.** Plus various other items needed to help fulfill their mission: *No Kid in Our Town Sleeps on the Floor.* Your gifts will help provide children in our community—ages 3 to 17—with a safe and comfortable place to sleep. *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* builds and delivers beds to kids who need them most. If you'd like to get involved further or know of a child in need of a bed, please visit: https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ia-sioux-city/



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