

Sunday  
**April 11, 2021**  
10:00 a.m.

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

Brad Addis



Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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**Office Hours:**  
Tues. and Wed.  
9:00-1:00

### **Gathering**

**For the Kids:** "The Resurrection Story from John 20"

**Affirmation of Faith:** "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Opening Prayer** — from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn:** #322 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

**Psalter:** Psalm 133 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Sermon:** "Can't We All Just Get Along?" ~ *Brad Addis*

**Hymn:** #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

**Congregational Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord calls us to draw close and examine the wounded hands and feet of the Risen One and to know the depth of his

love for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord our Father, as Jesus entered the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, so enter our hearts and move us to faith in Jesus as the Risen One. Convince us of the reality and significance of the resurrection, and free us from all manner of fears and phobias. Give us courage in the face of death, knowing that this is the gateway to new resurrected life for those who trust in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Be with your church throughout the world so that her preaching and works of love may continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Wherever your church is faithless and lacking in courage to do the work that Jesus has given, visit it and build it up with your Spirit. Be with all preachers so that they may listen well and then speak with Christ's authority.

Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Bring peace to all parts of the earth. Wherever nations are at war and people are divided, visit and bring true reconciliation. Especially protect all Christian people in these nations, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Wherever homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness, and wherever relationships are distorted and dulled, visit and bring peace and harmony. Wherever young people are gathered in your name, visit and guide them with your holy word and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Visit and comfort the sick and suffering too, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs... Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others known to us and whom we now name in our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we present these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

**Offertory** ~ Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

**Dedication of Gifts and Self** — based on John 20:19-31

*Thank you so very much for your love, prayers, and financial support!*

Holy One, we do not doubt that Jesus the Messiah lives again. Yet, only one short week from Easter, our thoughts are cluttered with finite, insignificant activities and agendas. Instead of remaining focused on the abundance of divine transformation, we return to a pessimistic mindset of scarcity. Refocus our attention on the joy of Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn: #431** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Benediction** — based on Hebrews 13

And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all that is pleasing to him. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit — One God, now and for ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Postlude**

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## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Mike Tuinier was hospitalized with COVID last week but is home now and doing better.

### Previous Requests

Pray for every family undergoing difficulties.  
Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

4/11 Abbey Oswald  
4/12 Gregory Berndt  
4/15 Tom Aitken  
4/15 Owen Moberley  
4/16 Sawyer Barton  
4/16 Anna Culver

4/16 Joel Smola

### Anniversaries

4/11 Tom & Bonnie  
Holmes  
4/16 J.R. & Nancy Ful-  
ton

## VUMC's Mission Statement



## The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## Midweek prayer meeting

To join the online prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 8:30, please click this link: [meet.google.com/hii-yaux-qgs](https://meet.google.com/hii-yaux-qgs).

Otherwise, to join by telephone, dial:  
+1 415-604-0783; enter PIN: 815 342 983#.

## Priscilla Circle

On April 20 at 1:00 p.m., Priscilla Circle will have its first meeting of the year. We will be meeting at church in the Taylor Room.

Looking for a circle? COME JOIN US!

## Watch any Sunday service anytime

on YouTube. Search for Vicksburg UMC and select it from the list, then select the service you want to watch.

## This Week's Calendar

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, April 12

*no church activities are scheduled*

### Tuesday, April 13

*no church activities are scheduled*

### Wednesday, April 14

8:00 p.m. Midweek prayer meeting online

### Thursday, April 15

11:00 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*

### Friday, April 16 — Pastor's Day Off

*no church activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, April 17

8:30 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes in the parking lot till 9:30a*

### Next Week

### Sunday, April 18

12:15 p.m. *Strategic Planning by Zoom*

### Monday, April 19

7:30 p.m. *SPRC by Zoom*

### Tuesday, April 20

1:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle in the Taylor Room*

## Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343). When the voicemail connects, dial 370.

**April 18**  
NATIVE AMERICAN  
MINISTRIES SUNDAY

**Native American Ministries Sunday celebration is April 18.** This offering funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries. You may give at any time throughout the year.

If you would like to give, please make your check payable to VUMC and designate the offering on the memo line, then mail it in with your regular giving (217 S Main St, Vicksburg MI 49097), or bring it to church with you on Sunday. You may also give online at [UMC Special Sundays Support](#).

## Coming deadlines

- ShopWithScrip orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Thursday, Apr. 15.
- Items for the May newsletter are due to Polly ([reception@vicksburgumc.org](mailto:reception@vicksburgumc.org)) by Monday, Apr. 26.

## Donate through consignment

United Methodist Women has an account at Home Again Consignment Store at 815 W. Prairie, Vicksburg. Anyone can drop off good new or used items at the store, and the proceeds will be donated to UMW. You must make an appointment at 649-1944, Facebook page and <https://www.homeagainvicksburg.com/>. Facebook and website have the rules for consigning.

## Twelve Baskets offers free food

If you are in need of food, you can shop twice a month at Twelve Baskets on the following dates each month:

- 1st and 3rd Fridays from 2:30 to 5:30
- 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10:00 to 1:00

Currently, drive-through shopping is necessary, and food will be delivered to your vehicle.

Twelve Baskets is located at 10332 Portage Rd., Portage, just north of E. Osterhout Ave.

If you are in need of food and are not able to get out to shop, please contact Kris Miller at (269) 760-3036 or [millerberg@comcast.net](mailto:millerberg@comcast.net). Kris can accommodate one home delivery per week.

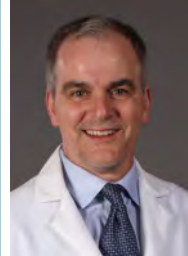
## Coping Daily with the Pandemic

Susanna Wesley Circle  
Thursday, April 15

11:00 a.m.



Dr. Larry Wile will be the guest speaker at Susanna Wesley Circle's April meeting. He will be speaking about the emotional effects of COVID-19 and the restrictions.



**Dr. Larry Wile,  
MD, MPH**

Dr. Wile was born and raised in Portage. He graduated from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and the University of West Florida, where he earned the Masters of Public Health Degree. He now serves our local community at Bronson

Primary Care Partners on E. Centre Ave. in Portage.

Dr. Wile serves as the medical director for Van Buren and Cass County District Health Department, as well as serving with a local hospice agency.

**Everyone is welcome to attend** the meeting in the Taylor Room. Social distancing will be required, and hand sanitizer and masks will be provided.