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**Sermon Theme:**

As God’s Easter people, we have a new power source to be able to live the Christian life. The apostle Peter, great leader of the Christian church and even a martyr for his faith, flailed in his faith early on. Jesus was not only gracious to forgive him, but saw much more in Peter than Peter saw in himself. Are you a little like Peter? You want so much to believe, but fall short in living as a Christian? The good news is that the act of the resurrection gives you new power to depend on God with and to serve God and neighbor. The resurrection bought you an eternal quality of life and earned you the Holy Spirit to strengthen you so you can witness to God’s grace. Never again doubt that God has called you to service or that you are too weak to serve. You have a new power source now. Accept it and live it. Pray this today: “Lord, please send your blessed Holy Spirit into my heart and life so I have a constant power source to live for you. Amen.

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***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

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**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**April 21, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude:** Earth and All Stars                      arr. by David Johnson

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn:** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

One: A new world awaits

**All: Through an open door.**

One: Welcome into the house of God.

**All: Discover renewal and new life.**

One: Find hope and blessing.

**All: Taste joy and forgiveness.**

One: A new world awaits.

Gracious God, like sheep we are prone to wander from our Good Shepherd. We know that you alone can lead us to right paths, streams of living water and pastures that feed us, but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened and stubbornly bent on making our own way. Still, you call us. Still, you whisper words of life and peace. Thank you for your relentless pursuit of us. In humility and faith, we turn to you again and follow you. For the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

**Gift of Music:** Guidance                                        Lani Smith

**Young Disciples’ Time**

**Scripture:** Acts 4:5-12 p. #121

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Hymn:** I Sing the Almighty Power of God #152 UMH

**Scripture**: I John 3:16-24 p. #240

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon:** A New Power Source

**Offering**

**Offering Music:** Pastorale on ‘Forest Green’              Richard Purvis  
**Doxology**

**\*Hymn:** O Church of God, United #547UMH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Festival Voluntary                              Flor Peeters

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

\*indicates please stand, if able UMH = red hymnal

FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements April 21, 2024**

*Flowers on the altar are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Linda Scheck*

**April Calendar**

21st: Native American Sunday

23rd: 7:30pm, Stewardship, LCR

24th: 7pm, Church Council, LCR

26th: Rummage Sale Set-Up begins and runs through May 3rd.

27th: 3pm, Choir Practice

28th: No Sunday School, Rummage Sale set up (Spring Break)

**Native American Ministries Sunday:  April 21, 2024**

This ministry serves to remind us of the gifts and contributions by Native Americans to our society.  This special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the USA and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.  Please mark any offering for this ministry as Native American Ministries in the memo of your check or on your envelope.  Thank you.  Missions

**Annual Spring Flower Sale!** It’s time for the 37th annual Flower sale.   We have added new hanging baskets, new colors to old favorites and old favorites returning this year. We will be back in the Narthex for taking orders April 21st and April 28th, all orders must be turned in by Sunday, April 28. The orders may be turned in at the office, handed to Judy or myself or preferably mailed to Carol Crandell, 243 Scottwood Avenue, Elmira Heights, NY 14903. The orders need to be received by April 28th. Please remember to make your check out to First UMC with flower sale on memo line. *The 2024 profits will be donated to the Trustees for the kitchen update project.* Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser. God Bless, Judy Augustine and Carol Crandell (Forms may be found in the narthex.)

**Holy Grounds Kitchen:** Please find in the entranceway a sign-up sheet for donations of food and kitchen volunteers for the week of the rummage sale.

**Karren’s Clothing Cupboard** will be closed on April 30th and May 2nd. If you are interested in helping with this weekly outreach program, please find the sign-up calendar in the entranceway.

**Cookbook 2024 is at the printers now**. Thank you to all the people that contributed recipes, offered suggestions and words of encouragement. This was a huge project that came together with our Church Family and Friends. We are anticipating it for sale in time for the rummage sale. God Bless You All. Bob Aiello

**Attention parents and grandparents of upcoming high school and college graduates.** Please send us their information by May 1st so that we can celebrate their accomplishments in worship (Date TBD). We would love to know where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be. Send to: [majirossm@gmail.com](mailto:majirossm@gmail.com) thank you!

**Newsletter:** Please let the church office know if you have not received the email with the monthly newsletter at any time. (The newsletter is sent out once a month, usually the last week of the month.) If you would like to be on the email list for the newsletter, and any other emails we need to send out, please send an email to the office at: [office@horseheadsumc.org](mailto:office@horseheadsumc.org). If you would like to put something in the newsletter, please email or bring it to the office by the third Wednesday of the month. You can also find printed copies of the newsletter in the Narthex.

**Bulletin Boards**: Please find outside organizations events on the Bulletin Board by the water fountains in the Narthex. You can find the Monthly calendar for all church Altar Flower sign up calendar hanging on the bulletin board by the kitchen doorway. United Women in Faith bulletin board changes each month, so please check it out. If you have a food panty donation, you can find the cart sitting beside the United Woman in Faith area.

**Stephen Ministry:** If you know of someone who would benefit from having a Christian caregiver for one hour a week, contact pastor Jeff at [pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com) Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists. You can request a sit-down conversation with our pastor or other leader by filling out a referral form located on our website and on the ledge outside our church office.

**Casowasco Summer Camp registration is now open!** We will help you with the costs of attending! Go to https://Casowasco.org for information. Camp for all children’s ages is available! Contact Pastor McDowell for more information about our scholarships.

**Nursery Good News!** As Sarah will be on maternity leave, **we have openings for volunteer adults**to help staff our nursery. Please sign up just outside the nursery or speak with our Lay Leader Jan Przybylski.

**Methodist Laity Team**: Save the date for an Earth Day worship celebration on April 22, 2024 at the Webb Mills United Methodist Church, 1623 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6:30.  It will be an Earth Day Worship Experience with Rev. Corey Turnpenny from Church in the Wild, sponsored by the Elmira Operations Team, made up of laity members from Webb Mills, Horseheads, Big Flats, and New Beginning Methodist Churches.  See you there.

**Rummage Sale: The United Women in Faith sponsor our annual rummage sale. All money raised goes solely for the many missions we support. Thank you for all your support with this event. The Spring Rummage Sale will be May 1,2,3. See the guidelines below for bringing your items. Thank you. UWF**

**RUMMAGE SALE GUIDELINES:**

**We will have our Spring rummage sale with the following guidelines for people who would like to donate items:**

1. **No items are to be brought to the church until Friday, April 26,2024 after 10:00am**
2. **Please do not put anything I the church garage or leave outside the church doors.**
3. **All items must be clean and usable. This includes clothing, children’s items, kitchen items, etc.**
4. **We cannot accept TV’s, computer equipment, mattresses, bed pillows.**
5. **We cannot pick up large pieces of furniture – you will need to bring the items to the church.**

**RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF DAYS AND TIMES**

**You can bring items on Friday, April 26, after 10:00am**

**Saturday, April 27 and Monday, April 29 from 9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Tuesday, April 30, 9:00am – NOON (no items accepted after noon)**

**RUMMAGE SALE BEGINS:**

**Wednesday, May 1 - 5:00pm – 8:00pm Full Price**

**Thursday, May 2 – 9:00am – 4:00pm ½ Price**

**Friday, May 3 – 9:00am – Noon $2.00 pr. Bag**

**Wednesday evening, we are offering a free dinner from 5:00pm – 7:45pm**

**Holy Grounds Kitchen Staff will be selling food on Thursday and Friday during the sale.**

**Prices will be posted. NO PRE SALES!**

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