

(Continuation of Bible Reading)

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

## Galatians 2 from The Message

<sup>15-16</sup> We Jews know that we have no advantage of birth over “non-Jewish sinners.” We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ. How do we know? We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good.

<sup>19-21</sup> What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn’t work. So I quit being a “law man” so that I could be *God’s* man. Christ’s life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not “mine,” but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.

*He is risen*

### Special Senior: Sally Legard

*Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway.*

### Volunteers

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Servers:** Sue Vannette

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Steve & Maureen Mussman

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Sally Hendrixon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Lori Bishop, Kaylah Lassow, & Sydney Scott

## Deep Sheet

(a place for your notes)

What is the “sovrán freedom” of God?

What does Jesus “unpin” you from?

### Other Notes:

### April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Su	Titus 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 35	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Mo	Philemon	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 36	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Tu	Hebrews 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 37	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	We	Hebrews 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 38	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Th	Hebrews 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 39	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Fr	Hebrews 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 40	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Sa	Hebrews 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 41	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Hebrews 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 42	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

### B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

### C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Office Hours Tues. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

## Order of Worship - 9:00am

Gathering Song  
“He Lives”  
Call to Worship  
“He Lives”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“Our Risen King”  
“Christ Arose”  
“Worship Christ, the Risen King”  
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
Crosstalk - “Nailed Down No More”  
Communion  
“Jesus Paid It All”  
“Redeemed”  
Offering  
“To Bring You Glory”  
Benediction  
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

## Order of Worship - 11:00am

Call to Worship  
“All Hail King Jesus”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“He Lives”  
“Ain’t No Grave”  
Crosstalk - “Nailed Down No More”  
Communion  
“To the Table”  
“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”  
Offering  
“Come Jesus Come”  
Benediction  
“Glorious Day”

## Announcements

*Please keep Jim Zahrt in your prayers following the loss of his wife, Sandra.*

**Rummage Sale** We will be having a Rummage Sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Drop-off of donations will begin April 19<sup>th</sup>. We need lots of volunteers, please sign up in the entryway. Bakers - we will be having a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale and need many baked goods to sell. See Jill Mouw for more information.

**Laketon Bethel Students** Starting in April, Middle and High School students are welcome to join us for games, real-life Bible discussion, and meaningful community. Come as you are. Bring a friend! We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the Youth Center (Old Sanctuary). See Mia Fick for more information.

**Mother’s Day Dinner** will be Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and a spaghetti dinner will be served. Back by popular demand is the Reeths-Puffer Jazz Band. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. Tickets will go on sale April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Service Opportunities

**Supper House** If you would like to help serve a meal this Wednesday at Temple United Methodist Church, please arrive by 2:45pm.

**Hand2Hand** If you would like to donate, please write Hand2Hand on the envelope or your check, or choose that category from the list on SecureGive if you give online. If you have purchased items to donate, place them in the barrel by the Hand2Hand table in the entryway. We welcome new volunteers! See Maureen Mussman for more information.

**Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive)** With warmer weather coming soon, T-shirts, short sleeve shirts, light jackets etc. will be appreciated. Towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap or body wash are always welcome donations also. Thanks so much for the donations that have been coming in!

## John 20 from the New Living Translation

**20** Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. **2** She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

**3** Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. **4** They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. **6** Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, **7** while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. **8** Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— **9** for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. **10** Then they went home.

**11** Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. **12** She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. **13** “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

**14** She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. **15** “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

**16** “Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

**17** “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

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