

# UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

April 6, 2008

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:25 AM

**\*GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.”  
**Revelation 3:20 KJV**

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**Leader:** I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.

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**Leader:** Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

**People:** Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us, once for all, when He bore our sins on His body upon the cross; for He is the very Lamb of God that taketh away the sins for the world: wherefore let us keep a joyful and holy feast with the Lord.

**All:** What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**\*HYMNS OF PRAISE:** “Lift High the Cross” #159  
“The Wonderful Cross” Insert

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed #881

**\*GLORIA PATRI:** #70

**UNISON PRAYER:** “Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name through Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:”

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “Lord, Plant My Feet On Higher Ground” Adult Choir

**Welcoming Our Visiting Friends**

**Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joy and Blessings**

**Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father; that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**INVITATION:**

**Pastor:** Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**CONFESSION IN UNISON:**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAY FOR PARDON:**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**Leader:** Here what comfortable words the Scriptures say to all that truly turn to the Lord: Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**  
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. **1 Timothy 1:15**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 2:1-2**

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#454

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 24:13ff

Pew Bible #1025

**MESSAGE:** “Eyes that See, Hearts that Burn”

Pastor Brown

### COMMUNION SERVICE:

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**People:** It is meet and right so to do.

**Leader:** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying.

**People:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

**Leader:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of His passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through Him: Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; to this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen. We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:** “O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, Thy humble servants, desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

**HYMN OF DEDICATION:** “Victory in Jesus”

#370

### THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

8:30 AM

#### WORSHIP LEADER:

#### GREETERS:

Gary & Jan Avery

#### NURSERY:

Betsy Shumaker

#### USHER:

Dave Ring

#### AUDIO:

Bob Deuel

#### JR. CHURCH:

### \*ALLELUIA \*BENEDICTION \*POSTLUDE

**Altar is open for prayer. You are welcome to come to the Altar, praying for someone or praying for self with commitment to Christ for the first time or for rededication of your life to Him. Someone will join you at the Altar to pray with you.**

### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR March 30, 2008

ATTENDANCE:(75/69,144)

TOTAL OFFERING:\$3609.47

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DESIGNATED:\$463.12

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR**

*Liz Haas and Jan Avery*  
*WEEK of April 6, 2008*

**TODAY: 8:30 AM First Worship Service**  
**9:50 AM Sunday School**  
**11:00 AM Second Worship Service**  
**9:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service**  
**WED: 6:00 PM Soup/Supper**  
**6:30 PM Bible Study**  
**FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4**

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**PRAISE THE LORD FOR:** Our Nation and for the Church of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."  
**Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV**

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Katherine Collins (in rehabilitation at Hilltop), Harry Phillips (prostrate cancer), Guil Woodward (back at Hilltop), Lillian Eckler (in Wilson hospital), Lamani (Pastor Brown’s sister-in-law in India), Mr. DiGal (Prasant’s father in India), Paulette (colon cancer, going through heavy chemo), Jessica Burelle, Sarah Deuel, Ethel Hower, Francis Potter (Betty Fowler’s sister-in-law), Christopher Fowler (Vivian Perkin’s son), Jane Loeffler, Kathleen Budnovitch (Millie Rood’s friend), George Cameron, Irving Rosenbarker, Connie Perry, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black’s niece), Bob English, Jack Black, Jonathan (Nate Young’s grandson), Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, June Smith, Chad Grindel (Ray & Betty Fowler’s grandson), Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Mahlon Tewksbury, Paul Carpenter, Alan VanWormer, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj and Jack Hoppes.

**THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ:** Ryan Warner (Jean Warfield’s granddaughter’s husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson, Christopher Simser, Jr., Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos. Please pray for our Nation, Kenya and Orissa, India.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim/Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr. Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

**The Wonderful Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace draw near  
And bless your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off’ring far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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“Jesus, Lover Of My Soul”

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

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“Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord”  
“Draw Me Close”

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**GREETERS:** Connie Mahoney

**NURSERY:** Sandhya Naik

**USHER:** Rich Henry

**AUDIO:** Bill Jubin

**JR. CHURCH:** Bill and Abby Woodward

**YOUTH CONCERT—Tonight!** Friday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a "Five 4 Five" concert held at the Sarah Jane Memorial United Methodist Church. Five 4 Five is a national tour that features five bands in concert for just \$5. The bands are: ***DIZMAS, THE SEND, A DREAM TOO LATE, CHILDREN 18:3, AND CAYERIO.*** The event is being sponsored by the Union Center, Boulevard, and Hawleyton United Methodist Churches, Sarah Jane Memorial UMC, First Presbyterian Church of Endicott, and First Baptist Church of Owego. Tickets are available at [itickets.com](http://itickets.com) or by calling 1-800-965-9324. Tickets can be purchased directly from Union Center UMC—Pastor Brown, [umcgoapel@aol.com](mailto:umcgoapel@aol.com) or by calling, 607-748-6329. First Presbyterian Church—Jeremy Finn, [JMFinn@hotmail.com](mailto:JMFinn@hotmail.com) or by calling 748-1544. Hawleyton United Methodist--Ray Haskell, [wpuckey@stny.rr.com](mailto:wpuckey@stny.rr.com) or by calling 669-4373. First Baptist Church Owego--Rev Marlene Steenburg, [mcsteeenburg@aol.com](mailto:mcsteeenburg@aol.com) or by calling 607-232-2302. Boulevard United Methodist Church--Rev Tony, [blvdumc@stny.rr.com](mailto:blvdumc@stny.rr.com) or by calling 607-797-5675.

**ALUMNI CHOIR-**Will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sang in the choir in the past and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

**PRAYER VIGIL-**A prayer vigil will be held on April 12, 2008 starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the vigil: our building project. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISER EVENT-**April 19, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. This event is to raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund. We will also be serving Authentic Indian dishes. All the funds received will go to the building fund.

**WOMEN'S BANQUET-**Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jane Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

**MEN'S BANQUET-**Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop Larry Simpson.

**THE CONTINENTALS-** Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

**VBS-**July 25-August 1, 2008. Shannan Meilunas is the coordinating this VBS program.

**CHICKEN BBQ/TENT MEETING-FUND RAISING FOR THE BUILDING-**August 9, 2008.

**UPCOMING 2008 WEDDINGS:** May 10, Danny and Sarah  
May 24, Robby and Ashley  
July 12, LeAnna and Billy  
July 19, Mike and Amber

## SIGN UP NOW TO “ADOPT A BASKET”

**What:** Silent and Live Auction  
**When:** Saturday April 19, 2008, 6:00-8:00pm  
**Where:** Union Center UMC  
**Why:** To raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund.

Look over the following list and see if there is any “themed basket” that you would like to adopt or think of another idea of what you could donate!! REMEMBER, it doesn't have to be anything elaborate or expensive!!! And why do it alone?? Get together with: your Sunday school class, women's group, men's group, walking partner, your kids, the Youth group, you name it and give a basket from the group! Thank you for your participation!

Let one of us know today which one you'd like to adopt!!! Get the items together and to the church the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>!! It's that easy!

Pampered Chef gift basket

PartyLite gift basket

Avon, Mary Kay, etc. gift basket

Gift certificates for a haircut

Gift certificate for piano lessons

Gift certificate for counseling

Gift certificate for audiology services

Gift certificate for balloon bouquet

Gift certificate for whatever your specialty is (do you do yardwork, oil changes, painting, raking leaves??)

Donation of a quilt, wall hanging, needlepoint, etc

Donation of a painting

Basketful of kitchen gadgets (spatulas, towels, cookbook, measuring spoons, etc)

Baking basket (cake mixes, frosting, cookie mixes, frosting spreader, wax paper, etc)

Relaxation basket (candles, bubble bath, towels, etc)

Basket of books (in good condition, add a bookmark, carrying bag, etc)

Baby basket (baby bibs, onesies, baby toys, diapers, bottles, parenting books, etc)

Kid's basket (crayons, coloring books, stickers, doodle pad, little toys, etc)

Cat Lover's basket (cat nips, toys, treats, etc)

Dog Lover's basket (dog biscuits, rawhide bones, leash, etc)

Chocolate Lover's basket (anything and everything chocolate)

Gardening basket (gardening gloves, bulbs, seeds, tools, knee pad, etc)

Car care bucket (sponges, car wash solution, towels, glass cleaner, etc)

Tools for the handyman (screwdrivers, wrench, tool belt, etc)

Music basket (CDs of hymns, Christian music, etc)

Donation of collectibles (Boyd's bears, Beanie Babies, Lladro, etc)

Basket of candles (votives, votive holder, tealights, jar candles, accessories, etc)

Dessert of the month (offer to make the winner a dessert each month, or every other month!)

Sweet tooth basket of goodies (cookies, candy, fudge, etc)

Sugar-Free basket of goodies (perfect for the diabetic - everything sugar-free!)

Let's stay in and watch movies (DVD, popcorn, soda, candy, etc)

Already donated:

Coffee Lover's basket, original watercolor paintings, Overnight “Bed and Breakfast” stay at a beautiful Lakehouse

If you have questions, more ideas or want to make a donation, please contact Deborah Eckhardt 772-2472, Chris Doyle 754-2399, Robin Bartholomew 349-9221, Jim Holmes 748-7963 or Liz Haas 862-9288.

**A THANK YOU NOTE:** I would like to thank Jean Warfield and Millie Rood for bringing me an Easter flower, it was very nice and they prayed with me. Also thank you to Donna Shultz and Pastor Brown for visiting me and praying with me. I greatly appreciate all of your prayers. Irene Boyer.

**A Note to Secret Pals—How fast time flies, we have started our fourth month with Secret Pal. We are all enjoying Secret Pals, but there are some who have joined with us and they have not yet heard from their Secret Pal. It is important for you to remember that you have chosen someone to be a blessing to.**

**Some ideas for things to do for your secret pal:**

**1) Birthday or un-birthday or anniversary cards.**

**2) A thinking about you note or a card.**

**3) Make them some cookies or cupcakes.**

**4) Send them a small gift (books, candles, flowers, seasonal items)**

**5) Drop clues as to who you are to see if they can figure it out.**

**Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Marti Holmes.**

**Discouragement And Frustration Can Cause Us To Walk Away From The Fellowship Of Believers. (Luke 24: 14-16).** As they journeyed they were moving away from the fellowship of the other believer's in Jerusalem. When Christians allow themselves to become preoccupied with their dashed hopes and frustrated plans they often withdraw from the strength found in other believer's. "Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. (14) And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

**Discouragement and Frustration Can Cause Us To Live In the Past** (vv. 17-24) "And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" (18) Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

They summed up their condition very neatly when they said in verse twenty-one, "But we had hoped that it was He who was going to redeem Israel." Notice the use of the past tense, "we had hoped," which strongly implies that this was not relevant to the present or they would not have so discouraged and distressed. The saddest death of all has to be the death of hope. Discouragement and Frustration Can Cause Us To Live In the Past And...

**Discouragement and Frustration Can Cause Us To Question God's Care (vv. 25-33)** We might have expected Jesus to respond by saying, "I understand." But in verse twenty-five He says, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! God cares about us (1 Peter 5:7). "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you." (NLT) God can provide for us! (Phil. 4:19) "And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Verse thirty tells us that as they sat down to eat, Jesus played the part of the host, for the host would break the bread at the beginning of the meal for it says, "... He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them." Perhaps it was in doing this that their eyes were opened. For verse thirty-one reveals, "Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. (32) And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" **The truth is that the Risen Lord, wants to set our hearts on fire. He wants to give us a burning passion for Him and for life .** In 2 Timothy 1:6 Paul tells Timothy, "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you..." this verse can be summed up in three words, Again,... Alive,...Fire. Perhaps this is what we need. The Lord gave these disciples a passion and a purpose where all there had been was pain. And it came from two things. These are still basic to a relationship with Jesus today: spending time with Him – that is prayer and in spending time in the Scripture – that of course is the Bible. A burning heart is found in these two things. The result in the life of the two disciples was, that although by this point it is already late they cannot wait till the morning. They must tell someone what has happened. They had to share their experience and no one in Emmaus would understand. One of the best signs of

recovery from depression is a desire to be back among other believer's. They had to go back to where the other disciples were gathered. Verse thirty-three tells us that they decide that they must return at once to Jerusalem. "So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem..." So the long discourage walk to Emmaus now became a joyous run to Jerusalem with renewed strength and encouragement. It reminds us of the story of the two lepers in 2 Kings 7:9 "Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. .... Now therefore, come, let us go and tell..." Their grief had blinded them. Their attention to their own loss and sorrow prevented them from focusing on God and finding out what God was doing for them at that very moment.

**SPRING CLEANING TIME !**—On Saturday, May 3, 2008 we will have Spring cleaning day at the Church. Please plan to come and make our Church beautiful. We will be providing lunch.

## WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

April 6, 2008

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 AM

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

9:25 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**\*GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.”  
**Revelation 3:20 KJV**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh.

**People:** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the same loaf.

**Leader:** Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

**People:** Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us, once for all, when He bore our sins on His body upon the cross; for He is the very Lamb of God that taketh away the sins for the world: wherefore let us keep a joyful and holy feast with the Lord.

**ALL:** What no eye has seen, nor ear hear, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” #64

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed #881

**UNISON PRAYER:** “Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Lord God, Your ways are holy and good and Your love is strong and true. You are swift to answer those who trust in You, those who walk in Your ways and who make Your living Word their daily hope. Bless, we pray, our gathering today. Touch our hearts and our minds with the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that our praise may be more than words, our prayer more than speech, our songs more than mere harmony. Teach us and comfort us, strengthen us and lead us that we might draw closer to You. We ask it in Jesus' name who has taught us to pray:”

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.”  
**Psalm 27:1-3 RSV**

### Welcoming Each Other into the House of the Lord

Sharing Of Our joys and blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

**PRAYER VERSE:** “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent, He will set me high upon a rock.”  
**Psalm 27:4,5 RSV**

## MORNING PRAYER

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

Lisa McBride

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** “I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the LORD!”  
**Psalm 27:13,14 RSV**

### Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #298

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 24:13ff Pew Bible #1642

**MESSAGE:** “Eyes that See, Hearts that Burn” Pastor Brown

**COMMUNION SERVICE:** #26

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION:** “Victory in Jesus” #370

### \*BENEDICTION

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**It is wonderful that you came to worship today at the Wesley UMC. We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve as our Lord. We pray and trust that you received the rich blessings of the Lord today. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go into the world to live, serve, and witness. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and sharing soon after the Worship Service. Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship and praise. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.**

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**LASAGNA DINNER**-April 25, 2008. Serving at 5:00 p.m.

**The Relay For Life of Western Broome is coming soon, June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Please help us to promote the Relay in our Western Broome community by including the following announcement (or facsimile) in your church bulletin in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support! Relay For Life of Western Broome will be held June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Relay For Life is an overnight celebration of life and cancer survivorship. Teams of people from the community have fun while raising much needed funds to fight cancer. Contributions to the Relay For Life help the American Cancer Society fight cancer in four ways: research, education, advocacy and patient services. If you are interested in joining a team, volunteering your time or making a donation to support the Relay For Life of Western Broome, contact Gina Chapman, (607) 766-6907 or call 1-800-ACS-2345.**