

Midway Hills  
Christian Church



*April*

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**FOUND**

John 14:18-28

Psalm 84

Luke 24:36-43

April 21, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

**Gathering Meditation**

What is it like to literally not have a home, a place to lay your head at night? "Homeless" can also mean a sense of not feeling "at home," lacking a feeling of belonging, feeling alone even in the midst of others. So many in this world are isolated. How can we find, and offer each other, "home" with the assurance of the presence of God and a beloved community?

# Order of Worship

## Third Sunday of Easter

### Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

## The Community Gathers

### Prelude

*Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul*

arr. Mark Hayes

### \*Call to Worship [in unison]

Atlas Wyatt

**Rise up in us and we will rise  
From death into a newfound life:  
From bondage freed, from harm released,  
From illness healed, as one in peace.  
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,  
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### \*Hymn 585

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

### Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

## The Community Responds

### Collective Story of the Resurrection

Luke 24:36-43

Rev. Laurie Anderson  
Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

### The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Offering Moment

Ean Sullivan

## The Community Proclaims God's Word

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

Atlas Wyatt

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where

she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. *Selah* Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah* Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. (NRSVUE)

¡Cuán hermosas son tus moradas, Señor de los Ejércitos! Anhele con el alma los atrios del Señor; casi agonizo por estar en ellos. Con el corazón, con todo el cuerpo, canto alegre al Dios vivo. Señor de los Ejércitos, Rey mío y Dios mío, aun el gorrión halla casa cerca de tus altares; también la golondrina hace allí su nido, para poner sus polluelos. Dichosos los que habitan en tu Templo y sin cesar te alaban. *Selah* Dichoso el que tiene en ti su fortaleza, que de corazón camina por tus sendas. Cuando pasa por el valle de las Lágrimas lo convierte en región de manantiales; también las lluvias tempranas cubren de bendiciones el valle. Según avanzan los peregrinos, cobran más fuerzas, hasta que contemplan a Dios en Sión. Oye mi oración, Señor Dios de los Ejércitos; escúchame, Dios de Jacob. *Selah* Oh Dios, escudo nuestro, pon sobre tu unguento tus ojos bondadosos. Vale más pasar un día en tus atrios que mil fuera de ellos; prefiero cuidar la entrada de la casa de mi Dios que habitar entre los malvados. El Señor es sol y escudo; Dios nos concede honor y gloria. El Señor no niega sus bondades a los que se conducen con integridad. Señor de los Ejércitos, ¡dichosos los que en ti confían! (NVI)

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	arr. Jack Schrader
<b>Sermon</b>	"Found" John 14:18-28	Rev. Laurie Anderson

## **The Community Is Empowered at the Table**

<b>Invitation to the Table</b>		Rev. Laurie Anderson
<b>Institution of the Table</b>		Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
<b>Communion Prayer</b>		Amanda Hendrickson
<b>Communion Hymn 393</b>	<i>One Bread, One Body</i> (verses 1 and 2)	ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### **Communion**

Please hold the "bread" until prompted by the minister. We will eat in unison.  
Please hold the "cup" until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.

<b>Passing of the Peace</b>		Rev. Laurie Anderson
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# The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

**\*Hymn 77**

*On Eagle's Wings*

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

**\*Benediction Hymn**

*Song of Going Forth*

(To the tune of "I Love To Tell the Story")

The Savior of our stories has brought his peace to you;  
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.  
To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;  
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**Postlude**

*Going Home*

arr. Joseph Martin

\*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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## INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

## CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

# VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

## MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson  
Senior Minister

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes  
Minister of Church Life

Kathy Corporon  
Coordinator of  
Children's Programs

Jeff Crouse  
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons  
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APRIL ELDERS  
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Jan Sullivan  
(Frank Martin, Elders Chair)

APRIL DEACONS  
Leisha Celiz, Rob Hendrickson  
John Nation  
(John Nation, Deacons Chair)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

## **New Evening Book Study meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. through May 20.**

We are studying the book by Kat Armas, "Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength." Combining personal storytelling with biblical reflection, a Cuban American writer tells the story of unnamed and overlooked theologians – mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters – whose survival, resistance, and persistence teach us the true power of faith and love. Come in person or join online as we explore our faith together. Reading the book is helpful for discussion but not mandatory. This study is led by Rev. Laurie.

## **Next Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) is April 24.**

Join us for lunch and fellowship at noon in community hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of most months.

## **First Tuesday Ladies' Lunch is May 7, 11:30 a.m.**

Join us at Escondido TexMex Restaurant, 5950 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230.

## **Intergenerational/All Church Vacation Bible School coming soon.**

Mark your calendar! June 11-13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Details to come.

## **Don't miss the next Area Assembly, May 5.**

The North Texas Area CCSW Assembly will happen on Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 PM at Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound, Texas (2660 Forest Vista Drive). The opening session will include a business meeting (approximately 30 minutes) with a vote on Revisions to the NTA Bylaws. That will be followed by an exciting worship service with music by Area congregations and preaching from Rev. Dr. Michael Miller, Executive Vice President and Dean at Brite Divinity School.

## **Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.**

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3qGo2>

## **Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings.**

Every Monday – New Evening Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *Open to all MHCC members. Our emphasis is prayers for MHCC, local, state, national and global issues.*

April 22 – Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.

April 24 – Worship Committee, 6:30 p.m.

May 1, 17 – Staff Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

May 6 – Elders Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 19 – Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

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# JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

## **Please pray for these in our church family:**

Emily Adams, Tinker Miller

## **Please pray for our extended church family concerns:**

Megan Mercer's father, Richard Richarson, her mother, Sue, and her siblings; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; Jim Gilmore's daughter, Annette Melton; Christy Horn's mother, Nancy Glover; Jeryl Crawford's family member Tony Olexa; David Hammons' wife, Joan; asylum guests past and present

## **Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

Cathy Parker

Jeryl Crawford

Jayne & Chris Sparrer

Peggy Dowdey

Frank & Millie Martin

Chris Holland

## **Sympathy:**



## **Let's celebrate with joy:**

- The work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Deacons and Elders serving at MHCC
- Hosting asylum seekers at MHCC
- Our guests/visitors in worship

## **Please pray for our city and state:**

- Repeal of SB4
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity

## **Please pray for our nation and world:**

- Peace for Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Aid to be received in Gaza.
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- All who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- End to gun violence, and those impacted by it.
- Anti LGBTQ legislation
- All who struggle with mental health.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

## **Sunday**

**April 21**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

## **Monday**

**April 22**

- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 7:00 p.m. New Evening Book Study

## **Tuesday**

**April 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

## **Wednesday**

**April 24**

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch, community hall/kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

## **Thursday**

**April 25**

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

## **Sunday**

**April 28**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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