

Midway Hills
Christian Church



April

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HEALED

Mark 5: 24b-34

John 21: 1-8

Genesis 32: 24-32

April 28, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

Illness of mind, body, or spirit can sap us of our life passion and energy. Sometimes illness can change the course of our lives forever, asking us to adapt in ways we never imagined. And while illness is not visited upon anyone by God's design, sometimes limitations open our eyes to other possibilities. We will look for a different perspective on how we deal with any life-altering situation.

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Gathers

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Howard Helvey

*Call to Worship [in unison]

John Nation

**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 73

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

Children's Church on break

Children's Church takes a break today, the fourth Sunday of the month; the nursery remains open. Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents. An activity table is also available at the back of the sanctuary.

The Community Responds

Collective Story of the Resurrection

John 21:1-8

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
Kathy Corporon

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

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:24-32

John Nation

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket,

and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle. (NRSVUE)

Jacob se quedó solo. Entonces un hombre luchó con él hasta el amanecer. Cuando este se dio cuenta de que no podía vencer a Jacob, lo tocó en la coyuntura de la cadera y esta se le dislocó mientras luchaban. Entonces dijo: —¡Suéltame, que ya está por amanecer! —¡No te soltaré hasta que me bendigas! —respondió Jacob. —¿Cómo te llamas? —le preguntó el hombre. —Me llamo Jacob —respondió. Entonces le dijo: —Ya no te llamarás Jacob, sino Israel, porque has luchado con Dios y con los hombres y has vencido. —Y tú, ¿cómo te llamas? —preguntó Jacob. Él respondió: —¿Por qué preguntas cómo me llamo? Y en ese mismo lugar lo bendijo. Jacob llamó a ese lugar Peniel, porque dijo: «He visto a Dios cara a cara y todavía sigo con vida». Cruzaba Jacob por el lugar llamado Peniel, cuando salió el sol. A causa de su cadera dislocada iba cojeando. Por esta razón los israelitas no comen el tendón que está en la articulación de la cadera, porque a Jacob se le tocó en dicho tendón. (NVI)

Anthem

Hymn of Promise

arr. John Ferguson

Sermon

"Healed"
Mark 5:24b-34

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Institution of the Table

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Communion Prayer

Amanda Hendrickson

Communion Hymn 393

One Bread, One Body
(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.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Hymn 501**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

***Benediction**

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

***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

Doxology

arr. Glenda Austin

*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

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Director of Music Ministries

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Amanda Hendrickson
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.)

Evening Book Study meets Mondays at 7 p.m. thru May 20 (except April 29).

We are studying the book by Kat Armas, "Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength." 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.

Anti-Gun Violence project is May 5, 1:00-2:15 p.m. in community hall.

The youth of MHCC and First Plano will gather to create a t-shirt memorial for the anti-gun violence installation that will be assembled on Midway Road (in front of MHCC). The project is in coordination with Texas Impact - called Vidas Robadas (Stolen Lives). We will be writing on t-shirts the name, date, and age of a Dallas resident whose life was taken by a gun. There will also be "white" t-shirts with the suicide lifeline number.

Elders Meeting moves to Saturday, May 11, this month only, at 10:00 a.m.

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 Church School (VCS) coming soon.

June 11, 12, 13, 6-8 p.m. Community meal provided. Learn more in The Echo.

Don't miss the next Area Assembly, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.

The North Texas Area CCSW Assembly will be 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/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings.

Every Monday – Evening Book Study, 7:00 p.m. (except May 6)
Every Thursday – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *Open to all MHCC members. Emphasis on prayers for MHCC, local, state, national and global issues.*

May 1, 15, 29 – Staff Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

May 6 & 20 – Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.

May 8 – Christmas in July planning meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May 11 – Elders Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

May 16 – Finance Team, 7:30 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:

Sharon Yoh, Emily Adams, Tinker Miller

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Former members Don Bohlcke's wife Donna Bohlcke; 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 28, 2024

Sunday

April 28

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

Tuesday

April 30

- 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

May 1

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, conference room

Thursday

May 2

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

Sunday

May 5

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Youth anti-gun violence project (until 2:15) community hall
- 3:00 p.m. NTA CCSW Assembly, Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound, TX

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