

# Stevensville United Methodist Church

May 16th, 2021 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



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## Announcements

- **May Unified Board Meeting TODAY!** At 12:00 PM
- **UMW Meeting:** May 22, 2021 @ 10 AM in the SUMC Sanctuary.
- **May Town Hall Meeting** NEXT SUNDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM.
  
- **Montana District Laity Learnings: June 1<sup>st</sup> - Staff Parish Committee Personnel. The Work Of Human Resources** Join the Congregational Resource Ministers (CRMs) the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm for a focused conversation. Each month will focus on an administrative or discipleship learning, which contributes to the work of creating beloved community and developing church vitality. **Zoom ID:97852748299. Password: 239086.** If you need help connecting with zoom, please contact Eric Strader, [estrader@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:estrader@mtnskyumc.org)
  
- **Summer Concert Series~** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of June, July, and August from 7PM to 8PM. At Stevensville United Methodist Church.
  
- **Sapphire Early Learning Center and Stevensville United Methodist Church will be at the Stevensville Farmer's Market this Summer!** Come see us and lend a hand for an hour or so on Saturday~ June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, or August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  
- **Vacation Bible School 2021: July 26-29/ 9AM to 11:30 AM Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides** Kids Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, enjoy singing, crafts (Tie Dye) & Games. Daily snacks will be provided and your family is welcome to join in for a Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> BBQ.

*9:00 Contemplative Outdoor Worship*

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

L: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

**Opening Song: Gather Us In (FWS 2236)**

**Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-11**

**Message: Lichen: Being Transformed by Symbiosis**

**Prayers of the Heart & Offering**

**Sending Hymn: O Blessed Spring (FWS 2076)**

**Blessing from all to all**



*10:30 Worship Service*

**Praise Music & Gathering Prayer**

**Prelude**

**Welcome to All Who Worship**

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**Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In (FWS 2236)**

**Membership Moment**

**Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-11**

**Message: Lichen: Being Transformed by Symbiosis**

**Hymn of Response: O Blessed Spring (FWS 2076)**

**Prayers of the Heart, Lord's Prayer**

**Mission Moment & Offering**

**Sending Hymn: Abide With Me (UMH 700)**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**9:00 AM Lyrics**

**Gather Us In (FWS 2236)**

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.  
Call to us now and we shall awaken.  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;  
Here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own.  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones,  
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**Oh Blessed Spring (FWS 2076)**

O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years,  
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
the boughs will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
be praised for this blest mystery:  
that word and water thus revive  
and join us to your Tree of Life.