

### ***Announcements This Week***

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship on this day!** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Rosemary McMahon is celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.** To honor this special occasion, her family is hosting a reception following our church services today. We invite all of you to join us.
- ✓ **Today, we celebrate "Earth Day Sunday."** May we all sanctify our world with prayers and the planting of flowers and trees.
- ✓ **The SD Board of Directors** will convene a conference-wide meeting to discuss the budget from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. This meeting will be available over Zoom, please contact Kim Springer at (515) 809-7775 to register.
- ✓ **Mother's Day, Senior Recognition, and our Fifth Grade Bible Presentation** will be held on Sunday, May 10. Please invite your friends to join us on this very special day.
- ✓ **Our "Ladies Luncheon"** has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on May 18. Please join us at the Belle Fourche Country Club for fellowship and friendship. A buffet will be served.

### **Please Pray:**

- **For those who care for the Earth.** On this Earth Day Sunday, bless those who make it their gift our world by picking up trash, cleaning our rivers and streams, and teaching others to do the same. Amen.
- **All those who are ill, homebound, or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders, and especially LaDawn Hespe.

# **First Congregational United Church of Christ**



**Sunday, April 19, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME & RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) (1 Pet. 1:17-19, 23)

Followers of Jesus,  
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring  
Word of God.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN **CH #228 (tune: #632)**

**“The Day of Resurrection”**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

R: In the name of Jesus Christ; **we are forgiven!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and always shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 116:1-19

R: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** (pp. 564-5)

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-35

R: Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (p. 90)

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN **CH #229**  
**“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

A TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts/debtors)

R: God of resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN **CH #484**  
**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ SUNG RESPONSE  
***Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering, Son;  
endless is the victory  
Thou o’er death hast won.***

