

April 5, 2015 **EASTER SUNDAY**

Pastor: John Johnson Liturgist: Norma Eppinga Musicians: Ruth Smith **Choir Director: George Oberdorf** Ushers: Margie Lewis & Wayne Jackson

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Office Hours: T, W, Th. 8:30-11:30

The People of God Gather

[* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

Introit:

*Call to Worship:

from Psalm 107

*Opening Hymn: #123/232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Welcoming Guests

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:

Opening Prayer:

Children:

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Prayer of Confession:

Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")

*Hymn of Joy: #106/240

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

*The Passing of Christ's Peace & Joy:

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 25:6-9

A prophet of the 8th century before Christ speaks of what God will do for the children of God.

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 10:34-40b

Peter, the leader of the disciples, has discovered through a vision that . . .

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 16:1-8

The original Gospel of Mark closes with these verses, in which three women go to anoint Jesus' dead body, but find an empty tomb!

Sermon: Every Blasted, er, Bloomin' One

The People of God Respond to the Word

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

*Hymn: # /250

Offering:

Offertory: Ruth Smith

*Doxology:

*Prayer of Dedication:

The People Take the Word into the World

*Blessing and Benediction: from Acts 10:41c-43

*Response: #371/826 "Lift High the Cross"

Postlude: Ruth Smith

• This morning we have the joy of ordaining as Ruling Elders Denise Kollert and Lois and Dave Platt, and of installing them as members of your Session.

APRIL SCHEDULE

Our new church website is now operating at: florenceazchurch.com

All Newsletter information should be sent to: Larry & Denise Kollert at: 225butte@gmail.com

Ladies afternoon Bible Study 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm. Last meeting of the season-April 15 at 1-Lesson 14, Luke 12.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon April 10th (where is to be announced)

Session Meeting: Sunday April 12th at 12 noon.

Men's Breakfast 1st & 3rd Wed. at 9 am at Old Pueblo. Next date: Wed. April 15th.



April 25, 2015 – STAND DOWN! 7am to 3 pm National Guard Armory, Florence. This program is a tribute to and supports "our homeless Veteran and at-risk Veterans and military families." More information is available HOHP4HEROES@GMAIL.COM or call Kim: 520-431-5663 or Sonnette: 520- 431-9409 or Palmer: 520-431-3399.

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