

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Prelude ~ Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome & Announcements:

*Opening Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH Pg. 302
“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH Pg. 304

Psalm Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Pg. 492

Call To Worship:

This very day, God has acted.
Today, we will rejoice and be glad!
We know the message that God sends to all people.
God’s peace, preached by Jesus Christ,
is available to all through the Lord of life.
The one who lived among us,
doing good and healing all,
was crucified, dead and buried.
But God raised him on the third day.
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Opening Prayer:

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus’ suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Pg. 895

*Hymn of Praise: “Christ is Risen” UMH Pg. 307

*Prayer of Confession:

Risen Jesus, how we long to proclaim the good news we have received— you are risen, the tomb is empty, and you are present with your friends. Remind us not to look for you in the places where we lost you— our grief, our failure, the death all around us. For you have been raised.

Prayer of Confession: (continued)

You are not trapped in some tomb. Help us proclaim your resurrection with confidence this day. Flawed as we are, help us perceive how deeply we are loved, for your grace and mercy never fail. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Beloved of God, the grace of God is with you, and God’s grace has not been in vain. Receive forgiveness and mercy through the name of Jesus Christ.

*Gloria Patri: UMH Pg. 70

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Children Message:

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer:

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory Prayer:
Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace you bring into the world. Amen.

*Doxology: UMH Pg. 95

Choir: “Every Morning Is Easter Moring”

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Pg. 935

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 Pg. 882

Message:

*Closing Hymn: “He Lives” UMH Pg. 13

*Benediction:

Postlude:

Weekly Readings:

Monday Matthew 28:1-10
Tuesday Revelation 1:12-20
Wednesday Luke 24:1-12
Thursday Acts 17:16-21
Friday Luke 20:27-40
Saturday Philippians 3:7-11



Announcements this week:

- * **Monday:** Upper Room Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.
 Shawl Ministry @ 7:00 p.m.
- * **Tuesday:** Worship @ 9:00 a.m. .
- * **Wednesday:** Chimes @ 4:15 p.m.
 Jubilation 7:00 p.m.

Prayers:

Family of Marla Hanna; Deb Yordt; Glen & Marge Moore;
Ron & Bev Crooks; Robert & K.J. Clark; Terry & Rachel Ward;
Brandee Pettengill; Galen & Pat Peckham; Colleen Schultz;
Family of Vance Johnson and Missionaries & People of Haiti



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