

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
April 17, 2022 - 10:00am - EASTER CELEBRATION!

* You are invited to stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Video Bell Prelude:

“Joyous Fanfare”
“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

by Fred Gramman
arr. Robert James Lamb

Choral Introit

“Sing Alleluia to the Lord”
Peg Wilken & Terry Moon, Soloists

Music by Linda Strassen
Words by Amy Terhune

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn UMH #302: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Heather Miller and Nancy Miller, Trumpets

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| 1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! | 3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! |
| 2) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! | 4) Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/03/easter-prayer-risen-with-sun.html>)

L: The sun rises on a spring morning and the tomb is empty!

P: Christ has risen with the sun!

L: He has become light in the darkness; Warmth in the cold;

P: Peace in the violence; Hope in the midst of despair;

L: Joy in the grieving; Love overcoming hatred.

P: Life in death; for death is defeated!

L: May we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Special Music:

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”
“Handel Easter Medley”

arr. Ellen Foncannon
arr. Sharon Wilson

Bryan Latimer and Catherine McMichael - Piano Duet

Time of Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Living Our Gratitude

♪ *You can support your church family by giving in person or online. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed. Today we also collect our 3rd Sunday Mission Offering. April's offering will help support the Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico June 18-26, 2022. Thank you!*

Use the QR code to the right or give online here:

<https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/>



Offertory: “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” *by Robert Williams; arr. Catherine McMichael*
“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” *by Henry T. Smart; arr. Catherine McMichael*
Catherine McMichael, Bell Tree and Bryan Latimer, Piano

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; *UMH #94*
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God of Resurrection Power: You offer us life that overcomes death, light that overcomes darkness, hope that overcomes our deepest despair! Receive our gifts, and ourselves as well, that all we have and all we are might be yours for the work of resurrection in the world, in the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message – *A special moment with the Pastor just for kids*

***Hymn FWS #2115:** “Christ Has Risen”

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| 1) Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised,
As we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor.
Christ is risen, God is here! | 2) Christ has risen for the people
Whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
Bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
Is not silenced by the tomb. |
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3) Christ has risen to companion
Former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation where
Their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
They expect no hopeful sign
Till Christ ends their conversation,
Breaking bread and sharing wine.

4) Christ has risen and forever
Lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled,
All who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
Making us what he has been –
Evidence of transformation
In which God is known and seen.

The Affirmation of Faith (in unison):

(The Apostle's Creed, Ecumenical Version, UMH #882)

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead, and on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body,
and the live everlasting. Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem:

"Fanfare and Canticle for Easter Day"

by Benjamin Harlan

William J. Irons, Ludwig Von Beethoven

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 84

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Response to the Word

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

The Meditation:

"GOD ON THE MOVE"

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #322: "Up From the Grave He Arose"**

Heather Miller and Nancy Miller, Trumpets

- 1) Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]
- 2) Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]
- 3) Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]

Refrain:
Up from the grave he arose,
With a mighty triumph
o'er his foes;
He arose a victor
from the dark domain,
And he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

***Benediction:**

(by Rev Margaret Whyte, <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>)

L: Go out into the world as the risen people of God, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more! Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

***Postlude: "Toccata" (from Symphony No. 5 for Organ)**

Charles-Marie Widor

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TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow /
Greeters: Belinda Hatch and Stacy Sharrow / Ushers: Tom Kraynak, Bill Draper, Larry Hagerty,
and Tom Miller / Coffe Hour Hosts: The Nurture Committee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, David Barker, Bev Blue, John & Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Jean Nelson, Ron Perry, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, Wendy Southgate, Mac & Joanna Thompson, and all who are grieving. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all still suffering from Covid-19, for the war in Ukraine, and for a way to peace/equality for humankind.

NEW EASTER BANNERS – Elinor Saunders is now chairing a group of sewers making new banners for the sanctuary funded by the Memorial Committee. Today, we debut our new Easter Banners and Altar Paraments designed by Judy Gerken, and sewed by JoAnn Baker, Jackie Ode, and Jean Richardson. We are so grateful for their hard work and immense talent!! Thank you!!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP NEWS – Four Adults and Six Youth are scheduled to go to Puerto Rico through *Praying Pelicans Missions* this summer to do repair work following the devastating hurricanes on the Island. We were originally supposed to go in June of 2020, but had to delay because of the Pandemic. We have now secured our flights, but because of fees and gas prices, the airfare costs have risen significantly, making the upcoming budget for trip tighter than expected. The 3rd Sunday Mission Offerings for today and May 15 are designated for the Youth Mission Trip. Since we are unable to do traditional meal fundraisers because of ongoing concerns about the pandemic, we are appealing to our church family to help us augment our budget just a bit with these offerings. Please pray for our Youth Mission Team heading to Puerto Rico. The youth going on the trip are: Nick Brown (11th grade), Andrew Sahouri (11th grade), Mark Schultz (10th grade), Isabelle Terhune (12th grade), Gabriel Vance (9th grade), and Andy Wagner (11th grade). The Adult Chaperones are: Bill Cowdry, Madeline Curtiss, Pastor Amy Terhune, and Dr. Drew Wagner. Thank you for your ongoing support!

NEW MEMBER CLASS – this Saturday, April 23 at 9:30. Register with the church office at (989) 799-0131 or register online here: <https://form.jotform.com/210435188031144>.

COFFEE HOUR has resumed! The Nurture Committee will serve coffee, fruit, and muffins today. Beginning next week, we will need volunteers to brew coffee and pick up donut holes from the Tim Hortons at 4870 State Street (just east of Center Rd.) View instructions and sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>

NOW HIRING – For the past three years, Nic Courier and Izzy Terhune have run our sound system every week. But both Nic and Izzy are seniors in high school and will be heading on to new adventures in the fall. We are looking to hire and train teens or adults to run the system. Pay is \$20/week. Must be at least age 14 to apply. Training will happen this summer. Apply online here: <https://form.jotform.com/221053598882161> or call the church office at 989-799-0131 to learn more.

WEEKEND FOOD BACKPACKS – Sign up to pack bags of food for the weekend for elementary children and/or deliver packed bags to Westdale and Arrowwood Elementary. To help, sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food> or call (989) 799-0131.

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EASTER FLOWERS

<u>LILIES GIVEN BY:</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>
Sandy & Larry Kelly		Our Parents
Larry Potter	To the Glory of God	

<u>TULIPS GIVEN BY:</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>
Al Brown		Marilyn Brown
John & Myrna Cammin	Our Family	
Ruth Ann Hilton		Page Hilton
Joe & Nancy Kozumplik (2)	To the Glory of God	
The Wagner Family		Norma & Joe Cleveland
Carla Piazza-Wistehuff		Gene Wistehuff

<u>HYACINTHS GIVEN BY:</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>
John & Myrna Cammin		Loved Ones
Betty Jo Cloud		Jim Cloud
Lou & Karen Constan		Loved Ones
Bill & Xenny Johnson	To the Glory of God	
The Terhune Family (2)		Wes & Bev Brun Tom Terhune

