

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
April 9, 2023 - 10:00am - EASTER CELEBRATION!

* You are invited to stand if you are able

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

*"The Strife is O'er"
Meditation on "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*

*arr. Gordon Young
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Words of Welcome – Please sign in on the attendance pads, or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically or use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159>
Please fill out your yellow prayer cards



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

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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: We have come through a week of losses.

P: Lost dreams, lost light, lost arguments, lost chances, lost life, lost hope.

L: But this morning, we come to the tomb, only to find...

P: A tomb, empty! A morning, bright! A stone, rolled! Women, jubilant!

L: For Christ, who died, is alive again! Death itself has been reversed!

P: Grave clothes are left behind as the risen Christ leads us into the newness of life!

L: Good news, beloved ones! Christ is risen!

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

Prayer Chorus UMH #177: *"He Is Lord"*

*He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

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

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for all with which you have been blessed. Thank you!
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Offertory: *“Now the Green Blade Riseth”* Traditional French; arr. Lloyd Larson

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 may 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” (vs. 1-4)*

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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! | Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
Is not silenced by the tomb. |
| 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. | 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: Matthew 28:1-20

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 32

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ¹¹ While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Judeans to this day. ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came, saying to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Video Introduction: *NCIS Gibbs' Rule #3b*

Sermon: "RULE #3B: "NEVER BE UNREACHABLE"

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn UMH #308:** *"Thine Be The Glory, Risen, Conquering Son"*

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| 1) Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where thy body lay. | 2) Lo! Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For our Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| Refrain: Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won. | 3) No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above. (<i>Refrain</i>) |

***Benediction:**

L: Beloved, Resurrection is not a past event. It is our present reality. Life, not death, defines our spirits and our possibilities. There is no hole so deep that God cannot lift us out. This is no wall too high, no chasm too wide, no barrier so impenetrable that God cannot overcome it. There are no dead ends that keep God from moving forward. Christ is alive and goes before us! Let us live like it. Christ is risen!

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

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

Charles-Marie Widor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Stacy Sharrow /
Greeters: Judy Gerken and Jackie Moore / Ushers: Bonnie Arnst, Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Welcome Desk: Roger Spann / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Angie Smith

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski (now at Samaritas), David Barker, Barry Brown, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon & Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and Rev. Richard Turner (now home). Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from illness, for an end to war in Ukraine, for those suffering famine in East Africa, for our Southern Border, for peace/equity for humankind, and for the MSU community.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Ed Babinski

MISSION TOUR / NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP – April 22, 2023 – 10am-2pm. See Attached Flyer

FUNDRAISER for Angie Smith – April 30, 11am-1pm. See Attached Flyer. Sign up to help with cooking, set-up, and clean up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-angies>

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS have resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **The next free meal is Tuesday, April 11.** Call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to help set up, serve, or clean-up, or sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>.

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM to help families facing food insecurity. To deliver food to schools on Thursdays, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>.

NEEDED FOR BACKPACK KIDS at the Middle School and High School – Reusable water bottles (no more drinking fountains in school) and sanitary pads/tampons for girls. Donate in the box in the front entryway or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR hosts needed. Sign up at the welcome desk or sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to sign up. Thank you!

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EASTER FLOWERS

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Sheryl Clauss Larry & Sandy Kelly	To the Glory of God	Jim Clauss

<u>TULIPS GIVEN BY:</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF:</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>
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