<u>Fírst United Methodist Church</u>

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community March 31, 2024 - 10:00am - EASTER CELEBRATION!

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

Prelude on "Easter Hymn" "The Strife is O'er"

by Phil Lehenbauer by Wilbur Held

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: <u>https://form.jotform.com/211785166356159</u>

Please fill out your yellow prayer cards if you have concerns/joys.



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

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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 by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws

- One: We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end. We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it.
- All: But this is it: Christ is alive; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled, and one word describes it all: Alleluia!
- One: We thought you had said your final word. We thought those with the power had won. We thought that when you cried out, that was it.
- All: But this is it: the Word breathes; powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning, and one word says it all: Alleluia!
- One: We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended. We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it.
- All: But this is it: the story has just begun; hope is newly born; the tomb is empty, and one word says it all: Alleluia!
- One: We thought that when they crucified you, death had defeated life, and that was it.
- All: But this is it: Love is stronger than death, and one word says it all: Alleluia!
- One: Hear again the Good News: Christ is risen!
- All: Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

Time of Prayer – During the Prayer Chorus and/or silent meditation, ushers will collect your yellow prayer cards and deliver them to the pastor.

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

 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. Thank you! Use the QR code to the right or give online here: https://www.firstumcsaginaw.org/give/



Offertory:

"The Easter Song"

by Ann Herring; arr. John Purifory

The Doxology:Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;UMH #94Praise God all creatures here below: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:

Victorious God of Life, as we bring our offerings to you today, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus' first followers encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. May our gifts be used by your transformative power to bring hope and new life to individuals and systems in your holy name; Amen.

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

*Hymn FWS #2115:

"Christ Has Risen" (vs. 1-4)

 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.
- Christ has risen to companion Former friends who fear the night, Sensing loss and limitation where Their faith had once burned bright.

The Affirmation of Faith (in unison):

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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 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,

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and the live everlasting. Amen. Thanks be to God!

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Choral Anthem:	"Crown Him the Risen King"	by Lloyd Larson
All cr	reatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:	
Christi s risen!	Christ is risen! O praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia!
	Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!	
	Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore!	
Lift	up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!	
	His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven.	
	The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.	
Lift	up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!	
	Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.	
I	Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.	
	Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,	
	And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity!	
	Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,	
	And rose victorious in the strive for those He came to save.	
	His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;	
	Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.	
All creat	ures of our God and King: Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Allelu	iia!

Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet, they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? What are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"JOHN'S BELIEVING"

Pastor Amy Terhune

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn UMH #303: "The Day of Resurrection"

- The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
 Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.
- Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;

And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3) Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end!

***Benediction:**

(by Glen E. Rainsley, in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, ed. Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 91.)

L: Beloved, because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen! Christ is risen!

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Alexa Sharrow / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Jim & Linda Doane / Ushers: Bob Bula, Dr. Lou Constan, Joe Kozumplik, Kevin Malotka / Welcome Desk: Jill Spaulding / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune
- PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Ashmall, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Tom Brubaker, Myrna Cammin, Judy Dawe, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Marion Hoffman, Dr. Larry Kelly, Pete & Sarah Kettlehohn, ZoAnn Kraynak, Barb Kropp, Marilyn Latimer, Mark Leffler, Joyce Maltman, Bonnie Markley, Merlyn Mondol, Ron Moon, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Patricia Parks, Teddy Reichard, Madge Richmond, Eugenia Shek, Rev. Kathy Snedeker, Mac Thompson, MaryLee Turner, & Dorothy Woods. Also, please pray for UMCOR, and for war to end in Ukraine/Israel/Gaza.
- 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY See Attachment!
- TAIZÉ WORSHIP Wednesday, April 3, 7:00pm
- VISION TEAM MEETING Monday, April 8, 7:00pm
- **FREE COMMUNITY MEALS** are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, continuing Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up to donate food at the Welcome Desk. or Donate food online at: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2</u> Volunteer to work here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community</u>
- **NEW MEMBER CLASS** Saturday, April 13, 9:30-11:30am for anyone interested in joining First U.M.C. or learning more about U.M.C. Beliefs.
- **COFFEE HOUR** For 2024, treats are now here instead of having an additional stop to get donuts. Sign up to help with coffee hour at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee</u>.

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