

First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community
April 7, 2024 - 10:00am - 2nd Sunday in the Easter Season

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude:

“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”

by Carl F. Schalk

Welcome and Announcements – 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 #384:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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| 1) Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart. | 3) Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love. |
| 2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty. | 4) Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise. |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Call to Worship:

(adapted from Thom Schuman, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: We have not seen the risen Christ, but we recognize him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

P: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face, but we have seen him in the faces of others: of the needy, of the stranger, of everyone whose love encourages us.

L: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

P: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world. May we be agents of healing and wholeness in a fearful, doubting world. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

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 #420: “*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*” (vs. 1)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

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: *Two Variants on “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”*

by Hugh Wilson; arr. Donald Rotermund

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: **Holy God, we bring our gifts to you this day, as well as our very selves. Despite all our doubts and questions, you receive us and breathe peace into our confusion. May our gifts this day advance that peace to a world in need, and so bring the assurance of your grace and the hope of your resurrection to all, through Christ. Amen.**

Special Music:

“Listen”

by Manuel and Kathy Jimenez

Kathy Jimenez, Soloist

Children’s Message – *A special moment just for kids*

Chorus UMH #191: “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-29

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 109

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ¹

Response to the Word

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

“EVERY TREMBLING HEART”

Pastor Amy Terhune

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sung Responses, Musical Setting A, UMH pg. 17-18

L: The Lord be with you,

P: And also with you.

L:: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give our thanks and praise!

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and set before us the way of life.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,
whom you raised from death to life.
By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
called out of darkness into his marvelous light.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said
“Take; eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
As often as you drink of this, remember me.
On the day you raised him from the dead,
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
And in the power of your Holy Spirit, your church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ;
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward, take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats. When all have been served, we will eat the bread and drink the juice together. Leave your plastic waste in the pew and it will be gathered following worship for recycling.

Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.

Special Music During Communion: “I Have Not Seen, Yet I Believe” by Sally Deford; Bryan Latimer, Soloist

WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn W&S #3179: "The Risen Christ"**

(music readers: please see attached)

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| <p>1) O breath of God, come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise,
That we may know the Risen Christ.</p> <p>2) O Word of God, so clear and true;
Renew our minds to trust in you;
And give to us the bread of life,
That we may know the Risen Christ.</p> | <p>3) O love of God, so unrestrained;
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name;
Let us reflect your sacrifice,
That we may know the Risen Christ.</p> <p>4) May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the Risen Christ.</p> |
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***Benediction:**

(adapted from Peter L. Haynes, <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>)

L: "Peace be with you," Jesus says to us in this room. "As the Father sent me, so I send you." No doubt or fear can lock God out of our lives. As you leave this place, know that you do not go forth alone. And may these words echo through your mind, as well: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Therefore, my friends: Go in peace.

P: We go out to love and serve the Lord and all God's creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Postlude:**

"This Joyful Day of Days"

Traditional Dutch; arr. Dale Wood

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!! Liturgist: Carla Piazza Wistehuff / Greeters: Bonnie Dole, Bill & Sue Johnson / Ushers: Bill Cowdry, Bill Johnson Jr., Dr. Larry Kelly and Angie Smith / Welcome Desk: Betty Jo Cloud / Coffee Hour Host: NEEDED / Nursery: Karissa Schultz / Sound System: Izzy Terhune

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Dean and Laurie Reichard-Granger on the death of Dean's Father Donald Granger on March 18.

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!

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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>
Volunteer to work here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>

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.

REBECCA FELLOWSHIP WOMEN'S CIRCLE - All women are invited to join Rebecca Fellowship on **Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00am** in the Narthex. Our speaker will be from the Millet Center, Delores Kowalski, Executive Director Special Needs, Vision Center. Please contact Betty Jo Cloud if you plan on attending at 989-799-8125 or bjcloud@yahoo.com . Thank you!

SENIOR FUN DAY – Wednesday, April 17, 3:00-5:00pm – Games, fellowship, and snacks.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held Sunday, April 21 at 8:30am. Speaker is Cynthia Joseph on Geriatric Mental Health. All men and their significant others are invited. Suggested donation is \$5.

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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>.

A NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION: Beginning in May, now that we are largely past the covid epidemic and cold/flu season, we will return to a more environmentally sustainable means of serving Communion called Intinction, where each of us take a piece of bread and dips it into the chalice. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please speak with Pastor Amy if you are willing to help out.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Be sure to check in on Facebook! The more of us that do, the more people learn about who we are!
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Pastor Amy will offer a Tutorial after worship in April.

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 2. O Word of God, so clear and true, re - new our
 3. O love of God, so un - re - strained, re - fresh our
 4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the

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