

***Easter Sunday***  
***March 31, 2024***  
***10:30 a.m.***

**OUR LORD'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*There's a Place for You Here*



## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

### **Reflection for Worship Today**

*Easter stands alone. It is a line in the sand that redefines our existence in ways we barely comprehend. It is a sign and symbol of a profound reorganization of life itself, sacramental in earth-shattering ways.*

Prelude “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *arr. Carol Tornquist*

Processional Prelude “Thine is the Glory” *by George Frideric Handel*

### Greeting

One voice: Christ is risen! **ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Good morning, Church! I see you! **ALL: I am here!**

### Graceful Engagement

#### \*Call to Worship

One: The tomb is dark, but empty

**ALL: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

One: The stone has been rolled away

**ALL: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

One: The burial clothes are put aside

**ALL: The one you are looking for is alive!**

One: Christ is Risen!

**ALL: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

\*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” vs. 1, 2, 6 UMH 302

\*Unison Prayer

One: "Christ is risen!" ALL: "He is risen indeed!"

We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of Your victory over powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in Your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

Children's Time

One: And, Jesus said... ALL: Let the children come!

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18 CEB

Response

One: The Word of God for ALL of us - God's people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "You Are Looking for Jesus"

**RESPONDING TOGETHER**

Call to Prayer "Alleluia" 2x

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Pastoral Prayer for the Cares of the People  
*(please text prayers to 414-378-4012)*

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

\*Invitation to Giving Action

*We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.*

\*Eastertide Doxology TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 88.44.88 (UMH 94)  
*(see words on following page of bulletin)*

**Praise Jesus Christ, who rose from death!  
Praise to the Source of life and breath!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise to the Spirit, holy dove,  
Giver of life, of peace, of love,  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**\*Blessing Prayer**

**God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Let it be so.**

**\*Responsive Sending Forth**

**One: Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full!**

**ALL: So, we go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.**

**One: Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.**

**ALL: We live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia!**

**\*Final Blessing**

**\*Closing Hymn “He Lives” *all verses***

**UMH 310**

**\*Postlude “Up From the Grave He Arose”**

***by Robert Lowry***

## Notes:

Lectionary readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

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**Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...**

Tech: **Joe Whyms**, Dave Smith, **Izzy Veit**, **Wendi Haubert**  
Worship leaders: **Amy Veit**, **Sophia Veit**, Debbie Huyck,  
Pat Mehring, Chuck Garrigues, Tony Suminski  
Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert, Sue  
Schulkers

Light bearer: Kathy Depies  
Musicians: **Sue Broker**, Sue  
Schulkers, Dave Smith (midi)  
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