

***Second Sunday of Easter/
Holy Communion***

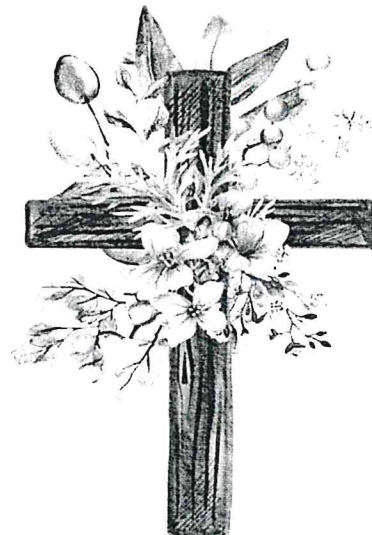
April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

Reflection for Worship Today

The promise is now open to all; the life is accessible; the gift is within reach because of Jesus' death and resurrection. And the new reality in which we now live is one surrounded by joy.

Prelude "Simple Gifts"

arr. by John Carter

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

One: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1, 3 UMH 384

*Unison Prayer

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of Your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of Your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Time

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

Scripture Reading "Jesus appears to the disciples." John 20:19-31 CEB

Response

One: The Word of God for ALL of us - God's people.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "We Walk in the Light"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Response Chorus "He Is Lord" UMH 177

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

*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)

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

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed Your only Son, You amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with Your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to Your love. We lay our very lives at Your feet, O God, knowing that You will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation

Preparing Our Hearts

Celebration Hymn “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UMH 328

The Great Thanksgiving

Come to the Table!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Responsive Sending Forth

One: Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Go to share your faith and your lives.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” *all verses* UMH 304

*Postlude “Song of Hope”

from FWS 2186

Notes:

Lectionary readings: Psalm 133, Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

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

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Pat Mehring, Chuck Garrigues, Tony Suminski,
Ken Miller, Mary Schulz, Wendi Haubert, Sue
Schulkers

Worship team: Linda Suminski, Rachel Kaufman

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