

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions

March 31, 2013

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. Service

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message, and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Karen Murray

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Let all the people proclaim,  
“God’s steadfast love endures forever!”

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation!  
Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

**People: We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Leader: We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks, for this is the day the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**WORSHIP IN SONG** SEE WHAT A MORNING (Resurrection Hymn) (by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

See what a morning gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce Christ is risen! See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?” As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb; hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound till He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; and we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

(2002 Thankyou Music)

**CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY** (Charles Wesley) **Verses 1-4**

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!

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!

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! (Public Domain)

**CELEBRATE JESUS** (by Gary Oliver)

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore.

He is risen, He is risen; come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

**OPENING PRAYER:** Holy and Living God, like a tomb’s darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**HE IS EXALTED** (by Twila Paris)

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high. (1985 Straight Way Music)

**VICTOR’S CROWN** (by Darlene Zschech, Israel Houghton, Kari Jobe)

You are always fighting for us, Heaven’s angels all around; My delight is found in knowing that You wear the victor’s crown; You’re my help and my defender, You’re my Saviour and my friend; By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

At the mention of Your greatness, in Your name I will bow down; In Your Presence, fear is silent, for You wear the victor’s crown; Let Your glory fill this temple, let Your power overflow; by Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

**Chorus: Hallelujah, You have overcome; you have overcome;**

**Hallelujah, Jesus, You have overcome the world.**

You are ever interceding as the lost become the found; You can never be defeated, for You wear the victor’s crown; You are Jesus, the Messiah, You’re the Hope of all the world; By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You. (Chorus)

**(Bridge) Every high thing must come down; Every stronghold shall be broken;**

**You wear the victor’s crown; You overcome, You overcome (repeat 3 times)**

At the cross the work was finished, You were buried in the ground; But the grave could not contain You, for You wear the victor’s crown. (repeat chorus) (Repeat bridge) (2013 Integrity's Praise!)

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: HE IS LORD** (by Tom Fette)

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. (1986 Word, Inc.)

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

**SHARING THE WORD** **Scripture:** Mark 16:1-7

**Message:** King’s Cross, 8 “*The Beginning*”

Pastor Steve Donat

**CLOSING SONGS** **I WILL RISE** (by L. Giglio, C. Tomlin, M. Maher, J. Reeves)

There’s a peace I’ve come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail. There’s an anchor for my soul I can say, “It is well.” Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed; the victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

**Refrain: And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.**

**I will rise on eagles’ wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.**

There’s a day that’s drawing near when this darkness breaks to light, and the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes. Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed; the victory is won, He is risen from the dead. (Refrain)

And I will rise when he calls my name: no more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles’ wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise. And I hear the voice of many angels sing, “Worthy is the Lamb!” and I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart, “Worthy is the Lamb!” (sing 3x’s) (Refrain)

I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles’ wings;

before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise. I will rise! (Refrain) (2008 sixsteps Music/worshiptogether.com)

MY REDEEMER LIVES (by Reuben Morgan)

I know He rescued my soul; His blood has covered my sins. I believe. I believe.  
My shame He's taken away; my pain is healed in His name. I believe. I believe. I'll raise the banner 'cause  
my Lord has conquered the grave. My Redeemer lives. My Redeemer lives. (Repeat beginning)  
You lift my burdens. I'll rise with You. I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your kingdom come.  
My Redeemer lives. My Redeemer lives. (1998 Reuben Morgan/Hillsong Pub.)

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

**THE PEACE:** The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE** in Room E101

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 634 Sunday School: 152 **ACOLYTE:** Emily Hagmaier

**USHERS:** Lynn Andraecola, Thomas Trasser, Kevin Stewart, Doti Stewart, David Stepp

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** The family of Elizabeth Eberly who passed away last week.  
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Paul Haynes, Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Rev. Bill Moyer, Edna Valentine (Lynda Guest's mother), Janet Richardson, Elaine Jenkins, Gina Adornetto (Carol Taylor's cousin), Nancy Madara Secor, Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Family of David Gaw (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), C.B, Betty, and Mary Louise Shingleton, Ed & Marge Blackman (parents of Doug Blackman), Mike Rowe (friend of John & Bev Heusser), Robert Estrin (father of Allan Estrin), Maggie Goettle (former First Light Student), Linda Hill (friend of Ada Campanile), Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, The Seagraves Family, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Doug Blackman, Kathy Cooper (friend of Karen Murray), Toni Obermeier (neighbor of Brian & Melissa O'Donnell) Nan Scheyhing, Ella Delaney (former First Light Student), James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Ginger Walsh (mother of First Light Teacher, Karen Murphy), Donna Banes, Dara Sawyer (Joan Flamini's daughter), Joan Goralski (Joan Flamini's mother), Alice Brenner, Phyllis Van Osten.  
**SERVING OVERSEAS:** Andre Hauser (grandson of Harris Fister), SSGT James Shields (son of Marcia Koury).

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