

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION

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.

**PRELUDE**

See What A Morning

S. Townend, K. Getty

**WELCOME**

Karen Murray, Worship Leader

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

**People: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**People: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY** *(Charles Wesley, Sam Arnold, Kurtis Parks)*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia. Sons of men and angels say. Alleluia.

Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia. Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply. Alleluia.

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia. Where oh death is now thy sting. Alleluia.

Dying once He all doth save. Alleluia. Where thy victory oh grave. Alleluia.

*(Chorus) He is not dead. He is alive. We have this hope. In Jesus Christ.*

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 (Chorus)

Soar we now where Christ had led. Alleluia. Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia.

Made like Him like Him we rise. Alleluia. Ours the cross the grave the skies. Alleluia. (Chorus 2x's)

**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)*

**MY SAVIOR LIVES** *(Arr. by Dan Galbraith)*

Our God will reign forever, and all the world will know His Name;

Ev'ryone together sing the song of the redeemed.

*Chorus: I know that my Redeemer lives, and now I stand on what He did; My Savior, my Savior lives;*

*Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say, "Jesus, You are the only way"; My Savior, my Savior lives.*

The King has come from Heaven, and darkness trembles at His Name;

Victory forever is the song of the redeemed. (chorus)

My Savior lives, my Savior lives, my Savior lives. (4x) Repeat Chorus 2x *(2006 Integrity Media, Inc.)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** – Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** – Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**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)*

**THERE IS A REDEEMER** *(by Melody Green)*

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son. Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One.

Jesus my Redeemer Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for Sinners slain.

Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory I will see His face. There I'll serve my King forever in that Holy place.

Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son. Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy, Holy One.

Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done;

and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done. *(1982 Birdwing Music)*

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

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

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.)*

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST** - We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning.

Please fill out the yellow colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Victor's Crown

Houghton, Zschech, Jobe

**SHARING THE WORD** Scripture: II Corinthians 4:7-14, Matthew 28:1-10

Message: Raised with Jesus

Pastor Richard Nichols

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION**

**RESPONSE: Invitation to Holy Communion** - The congregation is invited to receive Communion at the Communion rails. Come forward when you are ready, and receive the Communion elements with joy. These symbols represent the Body and Blood of Jesus offered for our forgiveness and new life. The invitation to receive comes from Jesus himself, and is not based on membership in this or any other Church. While you are waiting for your place at the Communion rail, take advantage of this quiet time to meditate, and offer your personal prayer and praise to God. *(If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and the Elements will be brought to you).* **For those members with grape juice allergies, whole grapes are available. There will also be gluten-free wafers available. Both are located on the end of the communion rails at the center aisle.**

**CLOSING SONG 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

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS** and your 1<sup>st</sup> UMC family in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning following this service. Come for coffee, tea, lemonade and continental breakfast from 10:30-11:00. Just follow the path outside the Sanctuary building or wind your way inside the Education Building, up to Fellowship Hall.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four.

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Al Cope **ACOLYTE:** Tyler Hare

**USHERS:** Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Kevin Stewart, Carlos Mocelo

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 450 Sunday School: 112

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, 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:** Colleen Johnson on the death of her husband, Deane.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Robb Murray, Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O’Donnell), Carolyn Kinnard, Deanne Czeiner, Ken Kunzman (friend of Dick Loring), Jane Emely-Roach, Steve Murray (brother of Bob Murray), Matt Fasbinder (friend of Mary Raroha), Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan), Carol Murphy (friend of Dick Loring and Greg Bryan), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), MaryJane Harris (Niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada), Frank Berner, June Krainik, Sue Geissler, (friend of Melissa O’Donnell), Mary Cassidy (friend of Doris and Alan Coshland), Nancy Bushey (David Stepp’s cousin), Denise Logan (friend of David Stepp), Gordon Swezey, Ryan LaSalvia (friend of Greg & Shelly Kincaid), Kim (friend of Lauren Jones).

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 5:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel**

**Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Chapel**

**9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

**11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**