

**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 18, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 A.M.

Jim Blizard, Worship Leader

**PRELUDE**

Etude for Marimba

Norm Dorrell

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

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

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

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

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

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

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP: OLD CHURCH CHOIR (Zach Williams)**

There's revival, and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart. Sunday morning, Hallelujah  
and it's lasting all week long. Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.  
Oh once you choose it, you can lose it there ain't nothing there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

*Chorus: I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul. I got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy,  
no there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys, that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb, Oh, you are with me,  
never leave me Oh 'cause there ain't nothing there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. (chorus)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat.

'Cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (repeat) (repeat chorus) ([azlyrics.com](http://azlyrics.com))

**SING TO THE KING (by Billy James Foote)**

Sing to the King who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus, the lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation His empire shall bring, joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Chorus: Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus. He's all we need.*

*Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus. Sing to the King.*

For His returning we watch and we pray. We will be ready the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. (chorus)

Repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> verse and chorus. Sing to the King 3x's ([2003 Worshiptogether.com](http://2003Worshiptogether.com))

**BLESSED BE YOUR NAME (by Matt & Beth Redman)**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,

where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will  
say, Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name, Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be Your glorious name. You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be  
Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. *(2002 Thankyou Music)*

**OPENING 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.

RESURRECTING *(Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye, Matthew Ntlele, Mack Brock)*  
The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now.  
The Savior knelt to wash our feet, now at his feet we bow.

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty,  
the radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see.  
*Chorus: Your name, Your name is victory! All praise will rise to Christ our King! [x2]*  
The fear that held us now gives way to him who is our peace.  
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me. *(Repeat chorus x2)*

By Your spirit, I will rise from the ashes of defeat. The resurrected king is resurrecting me.  
In Your name I come alive to declare your victory. The resurrected king is resurrecting me. [x3]

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days. His body there would not  
remain, our God has robbed the grave. Our God has robbed the grave! *Repeat chorus x2*

By Your spirit, I will rise from the ashes of defeat. The resurrected king is resurrecting me.  
In your name I come alive to declare Your victory. The resurrected king is resurrecting me.  
The resurrected king is resurrecting me, Yeah! (©2015 Elevation Worship)

**BREATHE** (Marie Barnett)

This is the air I breathe this is the air I breathe. Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread this is my daily bread. Your holy Word spoken to me.

*Refrain: And I I'm desperate for You. And I I'm lost without You. (1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** GLORY TO THE LAMB (By Larry Dempsey)

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb. Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

For He is glorious and worthy to be praised, the Lamb upon the throne;

and unto Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb upon the throne. (1983 Zionsong Music)

**CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**MESSAGE**

Witnessing to the Resurrection

Pastor Tom Korkuch

**CLOSING SONG** THE CROSS I BEAR (by Norm Dorrell)

I never had to drag a cross to Calvary Yet Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow Me"  
And now I live in search of what it means to be, A better witness for the One who died for me.  
Can I serve just as Jesus did? Can I forgive as He forgives?  
Can I love just as I've been loved by Him through all my life?

Oh, can I live a life that lets His love shine through? And can I let His will be done in all I do?  
Accepting all who come to seek His love and grace, Open these doors and welcome them into His place.

Deeper into His word I'll go. Challenge everything I think I know,  
Making room, allowing Him to grow in me, throughout my life.

*Chorus: So, now for love this cross I'll bear. I'll cling to it through all my cares.*

*You ask me why and I will say, that God's only Son said to pick my cross every day...and follow Him!*

I never had to drag my cross to Calvary. But, Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow Me."  
And though I'll trip and stumble I will never fall. The One who bore His own cross leads me through it all!

I want to serve as Jesus did, And to forgive as He forgives. I'll try to love as I've been loved by Him, for all my life!

*Chorus: So, now for love this cross I'll bear. I'll cling to it through all my cares. You ask me why and I will say, that God's only Son said to pick my cross every day, So, now for love this cross I'll bear. I'll cling to it through all my cares. You ask me why and I will say, that God's only Son said to pick my cross every day...and follow Him!*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **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, etc. Thank you!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Steve Heller, Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Nikki (John Halligan's niece who serves in the Vermont National Guard and now deployed to the Middle East).

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**

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

**Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

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