

**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**

**11:00 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**

Toccata Festiva

Sewell

**\*OPENING HYMN**

At the Font We Start Our Journey

**\* 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!**

**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.

**\*RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

**You have given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God's own;

**the Lord hears when I call.**

Be angry, do not sin;

**Commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!"**

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881**

The Apostles' Creed

**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

In the Name of the Lord  
Adult Choir

Patti/McDonald

**CALL TO PRAYER** LEAD ME, LORD *Psalm 5:8, 4:8*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (*Public Domain*)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

**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 HYMN**

They'll Know We Are Christians

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**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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