

First UMC
A United Methodist Community
In Moorestown, New Jersey
*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions."*

April 25, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 A.M

PRELUDE

Aria

Peeters

***OPENING HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

People: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen

OPENING PRAYER – We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then how easy it can be to sink back into old patterns of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but how easy it can be to slip back into apathy or despair. How easy it can be to forget your call in our lives all the days of the year. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing on this day of resurrection! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

***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

Let There Be Praise

Adult Choir

CALL TO PRAYER SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (by Daniel Iverson)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
(1963 BMW Songs, Inc.)

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

He Lives

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-20

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites,^[a] why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant^[b] Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus^[c] has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends,^[d] I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah^[e] would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah^[f] appointed for you, that is, Jesus

MESSAGE

Obstacles to the Resurrection

Pastor Tom Korkuch

***CLOSING HYMN**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

***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).

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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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