



Welcome! We're glad that you are here. To all who need comfort; all who need friendship; all who are lonely and need companionship; all who want sheltering love, all who sin and need a Savior; and whosoever will —we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

8am Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

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Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer (Unison)

God, we thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn, and your name glorified now and for eternity. Amen

* Hymn #378 "Amazing Grace"

*Call to Worship

L: Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

P: **The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.**

L: We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

P: **The Sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright! The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.**

L: Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.

A: **Now we can proclaim CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH! Amen**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

"Peace be with you. And also with you!"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Apostle's Creed

Old Testament Lesson

New Testament Lesson

Psalm 113

Romans 8:3-10

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Message

"The Tombstone"

Rev. Joey Garcea

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

* Doxology # 95

* Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death! You raised him up to live forever. He left behind his linen wrappings- the shroud, his grave clothes. Robed in white, Christ leads us from darkness to light. Help us to follow him, leaving behind the things of our past that obscure our horizons. We dedicate these offerings as tokens of the breaking dawn of Christ. May our gratitude shine forth by our joyfully giving of our earthly goods. Amen.

Holy Communion

* Hymn #310 "He Lives"

* Benediction

The Staff at the First United Methodist Church would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!!



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*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

--Jesus Christ

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