



First United Methodist Church

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.”

7:00 am Sunday Worship

April 17, 2022

Greeting

Opening Prayer

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the World the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Candle

*Easter Proclamation

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

The holiness of this morning restores joy to those who mourn and humbles earthly pride. O God, receive our praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May Christ, the Morning Star, rising from the grave, shed light on the whole human race. And we pray, O God: preserve and protect your church. Grant us peace in this time and forever.

Amen.

Hymn #158: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Scripture

Jonah 1:1-17

*Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Hymn #657: “This is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day.

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord has made.

Devotion

Holy Communion

Prayer of Intercession

We pray, O God, for all the churches around the globe: for their people and leaders; for the newly baptized; for the believers who cannot assemble for worship; for faithful endurance during this time of sorrow and distress; and for a deepening sense of your presence among us.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Temple: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for the wellbeing of creation: for the health of seas and rivers and lakes; for Mississippi River; and for the will to care for your earth.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Rainbow of promise: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for peace and justice in the world: for an end to war and international turmoil; for concord in our troubled society; for the heads of state, legislators, and local civic leaders.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Mighty Fortress: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God for all who are experiencing the coronavirus: for those who fear the present and the future. We pray for physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization. Fill the aching in our hearts with your merciful power.

A brief silence.

O God, you are our Everlasting Arms: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry, and homeless; for those who are sick and those awaiting death; and for those we name before you here.

A brief silence.

O God, you are the Healer of our every ill: in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for all who died in the faith, and bring us at the final resurrection into your everlasting life, where sorrows will be no more.

A brief silence.

O God, our Beginning and our End, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into your gracious and mighty hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy morning shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth. May we shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

***Hymn #364: "Because He Lives" (Verse 1 only)**

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus:

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH**

Happy Easter!

Easter Breakfast will be followed in our fellowship hall.



First United Methodist Church Easter Sunday Sunday, April 17, 2022 7:00 am

Vision 2022 – "Love Others!"

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

"All the believers were together and had everything in common." (Acts 2:44)

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Happy Easter!