

First United Methodist Church



“Christ Is Risen!”

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10 AM

Gathering Music

Luella Cox

Prelude

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Arr. Brad Nix
Luella Cox

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

*Call to Worship

Julie Pedersen

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Remember the Good News Jesus promised.

P: We will not be left alone.

L: Death cannot contain the purposes of God.

P: We will rise and live with hope.

L: Tears and weeping will be no more.

P: We will know joy and laughter again.

L: Rejoice, for Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen indeed!

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Julie Pedersen

Risen Christ, Lord of Life, breathe new life into us this day. Inspire us with confidence, and open our hearts anew to receive your promise of resurrection. Speak to us once more, that we might hear your voice and recognize your presence in our midst. From the darkness of doubt, guide us into the glorious light of faith and love. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH 302

Passing God's Peace

Prayer Cards Collected

Rite of Friendship & A Special Welcome to Our Guests

Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

Today we invite everyone to write your name on the form in the black Friendship Registry Book located in the pew rack. Please leave the Attendance Registration Sheet in the Friendship Registry Book as they will be collected Monday morning.

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison)

Julie Pedersen

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Julie Pedersen
L: The Word of Life.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn "In the Garden" UMH 314

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

Special Music "The Commission" Voice

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

Offertory "Christ Arose!"
By Robert Lowry
Arr. Smith & Husted
Luella Cox, Roberta Hall

***Response** "Doxology" UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

Special Music "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" Choir

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 Julie Pedersen
L: The Word of Life.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon "Christ Is Risen!" Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

***Hymn** "He Lives" UMH 310

***Benediction** Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall

***Sending Forth Hymn** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH 304

Postlude "Because He Lives" By Bill & Gloria Gaither
Luella Cox, Roberta Hall

Join us today after worship in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments & conversation.

Worship Assistant: Julie Pedersen

Accompanist: Luella Cox

Organist: Roberta Hall

Trumpet: Daniel Murphy, Abigail Perrone

Ushers: Members of RFUMC

Acolyte: Steve Barfield

Coffee Hour: Lea Wheeler

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All Means All

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your journey of faith, you are loved by God and welcome here.

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