

***All who are able are invited to stand**

Choral Anthem

He Lives, by Alfred H. Ackley, performed by Voices of Praise

Welcome and Announcements
Hayes

Jackie

**Gathering Hymn*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, The United Methodist Hymnal #302 (verses 1-4)

**Call to Worship*

Pastor Casey: Give thanks! Give thanks for the Lord is good. Give thanks for the Lord's love endures forever!

Congregation: We shall declare it with pride and joy! We shall announce it to all creation! The steadfast love of God reigns eternally!

Morgan: God has become our strength! God has become our might!

Congregation: God has become our salvation!

Logan: Believe in the power of resurrection. Believe in the gates of salvation that have been thrown open to you.

Congregation: The Lord is our salvation. The empty cross testifies and the empty tomb declares the salvation of our God!

All: This is a gift from God. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Time with Young Disciples
Carpenter

Leslie

**Hymn of Declaration*

Up from the Grave He Arose, The United Methodist Hymnal #322

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Pastor's Easter Prayer
Our Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Announcement*

Christ Has Risen,
The Faith We Sing #2115

**Lesson from the Gospel*

Matthew 28:1-10

Lesson from the Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter Message

Where Will You Find Jesus?

Celebration of Holy Communion

Congregational Response is found
beginning on page 15 of the
United Methodist Hymnal

Communion Anthem

Come Share the Lord, by Bryan
Jeffery Leech, Performed by
Voices of Praise

Giving our Gifts to God

*Doxology, The United Methodist
Hymnal #95

Ecumenical Text of 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.**

Information on Communion

Communion is the celebration of the meal shared between Jesus and his Disciples on the night before he was executed on the cross. In the United Methodist tradition all are welcome to this feast without restriction on church membership or age and grape juice is used in the place of wine.

Communion will be served by intinction at the altar rail. Please come forward to receive the bread and then dip your bread into the cup. A number of pre-filled cups of grape juice are also available if you prefer to receive in that fashion.

**Prayer of Dedication*

O Lord, great God of heaven, who gave form to the universe with a word, receive our gifts today. O Lord, who broke the chains of oppression, we give freely of ourselves. O Lord, who redeemed the world through an act of love, we come to you knowing that we are in need of your love each and every day. O Lord, form within our spirits a gift of generosity, break into our hardened hearts and overwhelm us with your love in everything that we do. We pray this in the name of Christ Victorious! Amen.

**Hymn of Dismissal*

Surely the Presence of the Lord, The United Methodist Hymnal #328

**Benediction*

**Commissioning*

We now go out to live our vision as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ through feeding people's bodies, souls, and spirits.

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."



EASTER PLANTS

<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>	<u>GIVEN BY:</u>
John & Kent Hughes Jay & Estella Waldron	Judy Hughes
Richard & Ethel Stephan John & Ila Stephan Bertha & Edgar Carpenter Bruce Heyer	Will and Leslie Carpenter
Orie, Marian, Douglas and Joseph Tubbs	Betty Schwaeble and Family
Myron and Nancy Winslow James and Alice Hughes Lincoln Taylor Smead (Sam)	Sam and Roxanne Smead
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Willard and Maude Stanley Milford and Onalee Stanley Clinton Springer, Anna Springer Lori Springer, John Burdick	Gloria Burdick and Family
Loved Ones	Linda McCoy and Donna Maione
Loved Ones	The Fish Family
Blanche Terwilliger Charlotte DuFour	Garry DuFour
Loved Ones	Karen Parker
McKerring/Heenan Family	Janice Weeks
John Jaeger Sr.	Joyce Jaeger
Paul Blakely/Loved Ones	Cathy Blakely and Family
Loved Ones	Marie Pattelli

Announcement

- ❖ A basic Lay Servant Course will be offered on Sunday April 30th and Sunday May 7th from 1pm-6:30pm. Dinner will be provided. The course will be facilitated by Pastor Casey. This course can either be an introduction or refresher to lay servant ministries and is intended to inspire deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. Please speak with Pastor Casey for more information.

First UMC in Prayer

Lord God, we pray for John, Doris, Eula, Sterling, George, Marcia, Tim, Fred, George and Kathleen, Nate and his family, Lori, Lorraine, Dorothy, Clara, Lorraine, Max, Dil, Rayadene, Holley, Cathy, Fred & Kathleen Williams, Brandon, John P., Bill, Matt, Sam & his family, Christine, John, Elizabeth, the Tooker family, Leslie J., and Ells, the Hughes family, and Denise, Peter F., Seth S., and Terry F.

Lord God, we pray that we may partake in your resurrection spirit this week. You proved in the empty tomb that even death cannot hold power over an all-powerful God. You are our all-powerful God, we know and trust in you. Lord God, help us to witness to your resurrection. Help us to share your Good News throughout the whole world. Amen.