

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

March 31, 2024

Resurrection Sunday

PRELUDE: *“Victory” by Alan Bullard*

## OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Celebrate Jesus! He’s Alive!” by Lynn Shaw Bailey

The United Church Choirs

Focus of the day: He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The darkness is banished!

**People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!**

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!

**People: Christ is alive forevermore!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah!**

**ALL: AMEN.**

\*HYMN: #234 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. We pray this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI: #807

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (page 606) {A.B. page 680}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Because He Lives, Amen” arr. Hogan (words on insert)

Joy Van Riper, Nancy Lamberson, Nancy Burt-Preece, Kateri Andress,  
Jim Boseck, Earl Pettit, June Pettit (piano)

ANTHEM: (11:00) “He Lives” by Alfred Ackley

The United Church Choir

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (page 1139) {A.B. page 1271}

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## Sermon

“Resurrection Sunday”

(Mark 16:1-8)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

\*HYMN: #239 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag” by Gottfried August Homilius*

\*DOXOLOGY: #809

\*HYMN: #235 “Christ Arose!”

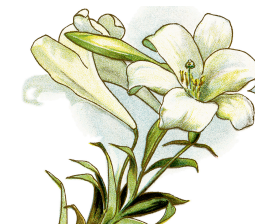
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BENEDICTION: Men’s Quartet

POSTLUDE: *“Carillon-Sortie en Ré majeur” by Henri Mulet*

*\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

*If you purchased an Easter Lily, please take it with you following the service.*



PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner’s mother), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Nora Murphy (newborn friend of DiCicco family), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber)

**Recovering:** Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Gabbi Seeber, Kerry Van Iseghem, Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird

**Comfort and Peace:** Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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**Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):**

- April 7 – Virginia’s Retirement Celebration
- April 27 – Testimony Saturday
- May 5 – Exploring Membership Class
- June 2 – Church Picnic
- June 9 – Grad Sunday
- June 29 – Red Wings Game
- Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

***Highlights for This Week!***

- **Thanks** to all who purchased the **Easter Lilies!** Remember to take yours home after the Service.
- Next Sunday, at 9:45 we will celebrate **Virginia Holroyd’s retirement** with a special breakfast. If you would like to contribute a food item, please **sign up on the office door** and bring the food to the dining room kitchen by 9:30. Questions? Contact Mary Beth Fortunato.
- **Rice Bowls**, the children and youth Sunday school Lenten offering, are **due today**. They can be returned in the Welcome Center or the offering plate. You can also donate online using this link: <https://ricebowls.networkforgood.com/projects/218960-the-united-church> Thank you for your generosity in helping feed children in orphanages all over the world!
- **Next Sunday:** We’re taking a collection for the **Stewards Assistance Fund**. The loose cash and designated checks that are placed in the Offering Plates will go to this fund which helps those in our congregation who are facing financial challenges. Thank you for your donations!!
- It’s campership season! The United Church provides "**camperships**" to **all kids who are involved in our church**...this may be through attending church service and/or Sunday school, attending Youth Club, attending Cause, and/or attending Youth events, such as game night and the Christmas mall trip. **A campership is NOT need based - it is for every kid - and it pays for half the cost of one week at ANY Christian camp.** If a family needs more assistance, we do offer full scholarships to families in need. Any questions, just ask Deb Marshall!
- Save the date for **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday**, on **April 21st** during the **11am service**. Kids, invite a favorite school teacher to come to church with you! We will have a cookie and punch reception following the service in the fellowship room.

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**ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?** If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

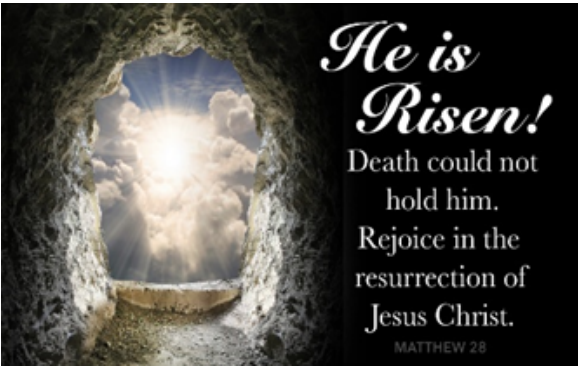
**Children’s Time** ~ There is no Children’s Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the green sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you’re done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

**Nursery care** is offered during both services. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

**MISSIONS ~**

Li resisite Alelouya  
Він Воскреслий Алілуя  
He is Risen Hallelujah  
Il est ressuscité Alléluia  
Él ha Resucitado Aleluya  
Anjeunna gugah hallelujah  
Он Воскресший Аллилуйя  
On jest Zmartwychwstałym, Alleluja  
הוא קם הללוי  
Anjeunna Risen Hallelujah  
Er ist das auferstandene Halleluja

**TODAY EVERY TONGUE EXCLAIMS**



**Happy Easter! HALLELUJA is repeated in every tongue. Halleluja!!**

**Support for our Ukrainian, Haitian refugees**

In our community and across the United States, Ukrainian and Haitian refugee families, fleeing war and violence in their homelands, have settled here legally for a period of 2 years under Humanitarian Parole.

The clock is ticking. For many, those 2 years are almost up. If you would be willing to sign a letter to our elected representatives, asking for an extension for those on Humanitarian Parole, please see Cathy Bush or Wendy Stoddard after the service. We will have these petitions available to sign for a couple weeks yet.

As Mark Bowers from World Relief recently stated, “What voices will shape our nation’s leaders, if those of us who love the way of Jesus remain silent?”



**After years of dedicated service to the United Church, Virginia Holroyd is retiring. We are excited to show our gratitude, so please join us for her celebration!**

*Retirement Celebration for Virginia Holroyd*

*Date: Sunday, April 7th*

*Time: 9:45-10:45, please come from the beginning!*

*Place: Dining Room*

**Because He Lives, Amen**- arr. Hogan

I believe in the Son.  
I believe in the risen One.  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.  
Amen, Amen, I’m alive, I’m Alive because He Lives.  
Amen, Amen, Let my song join the one that never ends because He lives!

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name;  
He rolled the stone away!  
Amen, Amen, I’m alive, I’m Alive because He Lives.  
Amen, Amen, Let my song join the one that never ends!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, every fear is gone.  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.  
Amen, Amen, I’m alive, I’m Alive because He Lives.  
Amen, Amen, Let my song join the one that never ends!  
Amen, Amen, I’m Alive because He lives.  
Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives,  
Because He lives!