

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
6:30am Sunrise Worship Service



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Easter Sunday
5th Sunday Offering (Pastor’s Emergency Relief Fund)

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger

Music this morning will be provided by the Church Minstrels.

****Chairs are provided for anyone who has difficulty standing throughout the service.
Please feel free to use your own chairs or the chairs provided.****

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Pastor: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Pastor: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN NO. 300.....“In the Garden”

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.*

Refrain: *And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]*

*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]*

ENGAGING THE WORD

READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION.....“Don’t Miss the Miracle”

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 294.....“Christ Arose!”

*Low in the grave He lay--Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day--Jesus my Lord!*

Refrain: *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumphant o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!*

*Vainly they watch His bed--Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep his prey--Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMISSION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed.

GOING WITH THE WORD

DEPARTING HYMN NO. 302.....“He Lives”

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever some may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him he's always near.*

Refrain: *He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

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- Special thanks to the Minstrels for providing the music for this morning's Sunrise Service.
- The bulletins are in memory of Arlan, Fern and Donnie Krause by Ronnie and Cookie Mengel.
- Offering on Sunday, March 24, 2024: \$2,272.00
- Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09

-An Easter Breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall this morning at approximately 7:15am followed immediately by a Worship Service with Holy Communion around the breakfast table (8:15am). Sunday School will be held at 9:15am, followed by the 10:30am Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National Leaders, *family and friends of Barb Worthy, Sharon Koszyk, family and friends of Jason Yoder, Amy Crouse, Erinn Carll, Auggie Warke,* Dave Heim, Ernie Jones, Ron Mengel, Tom Toomey, Guy Fessler, Harold Berkheiser, Joesph & Tamara Nagle and unborn son Mathias Joseph, Shirley German, Dick Clauser, Cassie Wolfe, Marion Bartolet, Mabel Edwards

CANCER PATIENTS: *Wayne Alward,* Boone, Marie Bleu, Alex DuVee, John Eckert, Glennis Eifert, Rebecca Henderson, Sherri Jo Jennar, Deb Kemmerling, Norma Koperna, Joan Krause, Carol Mallory, Carol Mengel, Tom Nagle, Judy Ohl, Pat Reading, Jim Thompson, Terri Willard

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday, March 31

- 7:15 AM -Breakfast served (fellowship hall)
- 8:15 AM -Worship with Holy Communion at the table (fellowship hall)
- 9:15 AM -Sunday School
- 10:30 AM -Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 3

- 7:00 PM -Senior Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 AM -Visitation/ 10:00 AM -Memorial Service for Jason Yoder

Sunday, April 7

- 9:15 AM -Sunday School
- 10:30 AM -Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- I John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, Indeed!!