

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Alleluia!
He is risen!

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude “Joyful, Joyful” *Arr. Kinyon* Presented by Jubellation

§ Call to Worship

Leader: On this glorious Easter Day, we have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.**

Leader: On this most holy of days, the One whom men had thought to destroy has risen triumphant from the tomb! My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus has died and is risen.**

Leader: On this holy day, we celebrate our new life in the risen Christ. Through the death of Jesus, the weight of our sin has been lifted from us. Through his glorious resurrection, we have become sons and daughters of God. My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.**

—*Wellspring Liturgies, wellsprings.org.uk*

§ Processional Hymn UMH #261

“Lord of the Dance”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Children, proceed to the youth lounge for today’s Easter Egg Hunt after the Children’s Message.

§ Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Transforming Power!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today’s communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Christ Is Risen, Sing Alleluia!”
Presented by Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.
The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*If you wish to join in singing “The Hallelujah Chorus” at the end of the Benediction,
please come forward to stand with the choir while we sing this hymn.*

§ Benediction

Leader: He is risen!

***People:* He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Therefore, go in the power of this risen Christ to work, live, love and serve, for the resurrection has changed everything. You have nothing to fear. You are never alone. Sin and death will not have the final word. We are more than conquerors through him who loves us, who gave his life for us and who now sits at God’s right hand interceding on our behalf. Go in peace, for Christ is risen!

***People:* He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.**

Postlude

“The Hallelujah Chorus”
Lead by the Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

*Please wait to remove any flowers from the altar until the end of the Postlude.
Ushers will help distribute altar flowers after the postlude.*

We thank the following people for making today’s special musical offering possible:

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music* & Andrew Mertzenich, *Organist*
Chancel Choir & Jubellation Bell Choir

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

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After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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.”

Matthew 28:1-7, NRSV