

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



CHRIST IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

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.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

Special Pre-service Music

“Piano Medley” Presented & Arr. by Jack Armstrong

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Easter Hymn”

Mary McDonald

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

***People:* Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

***People:* The grave is empty. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

***All:* Christ is risen, indeed!**

§ Processional Hymn UMH #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Processional Hymn UMH #585, vs. 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

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

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

Message

“Serving a Living Savior”

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

“The Heavens Are Telling”
Presented by Jubellation

Arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis

§ **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 #308**

“Thine Be the Glory”

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**

As Easter people, we believe God is Lord of both life and death.

We believe that in an astounding act of grace, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins.

We believe, three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead, promising us salvation, not because we deserve it, but out of love, through grace.

We believe we are called to respond to that gift of grace, not out of duty, but in gratitude, to seek peace, care for the ill, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, empower the oppressed, and welcome the outcast; to carry on Christ’s work until He comes again.

Because, as Easter people, we are confident Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

“The Hallelujah Chorus”
Lead by the Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

Ushers will distribute altar flowers after the postlude.

See today’s insert for a full list of dedications.

There will be no Facetime this week. Happy Easter!

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

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

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Van Driver: Curly Thompson

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Liturgist: Cindy Anderson

Acolyte: Ella Anderson

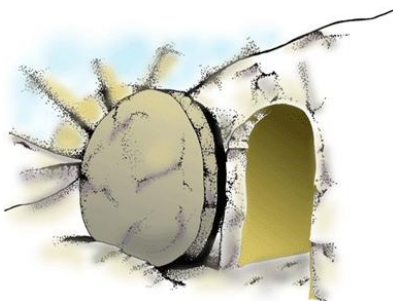
Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **Next week**, our chancel choir will conclude this year's Cantata with a presentation of the final song "Crown Him the Lord of Life!" from *What Love Is This?*
- **The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 1st** in observance of Easter.
- **Court Street UMC's United Women in Faith (UWF) is holding a luncheon on Wednesday, April 3rd at 12 p.m. in our dining room.** All women and men are invited to come for a program featuring guest speaker J. Hanley, Winnebago County State's Attorney. Interested persons should RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020 by 12 Noon of March 31st. The meal is \$10 per person.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee** will meet on Tuesday, April 9th in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend this committee's monthly meetings. April marks Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by a blue ribbon.
- **Garden Bazaar** order forms are due Monday, April 15th. If you need a copy or would like additional copies for friends and family, they are available in the Narthex, online, and at the office.

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together,



but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

John 20:1-10, NRSVUE

2024 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

These flowers have been given...

In memory of **Marjorie Anderson** and **Charles Dow** by Roger, Cindy, Carter, and Ella Anderson.

In memory of **Ann & Jim Armstrong** and **Lola & Gene Gustafson** by Tracey & Jack Armstrong.

In memory of **Olive Juhlin, Mary Jane Talley,** and **Donna Ray** by Barb E. Adam.

In memory of **Daniel Barnhart** and in honor of **Catherine, Allen, Daniel, & Alex** by Norma Lee Kerns & Bill Barnhart.

In honor of her loving mama **Theresa Riofredo** by Bert Cromwell.

In memory of **Cindee** and **Terry** who are lost but not forgotten by Gary & Darlene Dienhart.

In memory of **Charles Dow** by Donna Dow.

In memory of their parents **Vada & Lee Ferry Sr.** and **Harold & Ruby Kaney** by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In memory of **Myrl & Mabelann Fisher** and **Kenneth & Hattie Mae Clark** by Cindy, Steve, Dan, & Tom Fisher and their families.

In memory of **Clark Galloway** who gave us so many wonderful years as our wonderful father and husband Kay Galloway and family. And in gratitude to **all the family and friends that have been so important** to her for so many years by Kay Galloway.



In memory of **Greg Mott** by Georgalee George.

In loving memory of Annette's mom and dad, **Robert & Thelma Katke**, and Larry's dad, **Robert Gillette**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In memory of **Kay & Paul Frawert** by Colleen, Gerald, and Carey Gilmore.

In memory of Tim's brother, **Jay Gorman**, and their parents, **Jack & Dolly Gorman** and **Lonnie & Wilma Ostic**, by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

(Continued)

In memory of **Jay Heath** and in honor of **Jack Flynn** by Perky Flynn-Heath, Craig, and Julie.

In memory of **Betty Seiter** and in honor of their **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** by Bob & Diane Lutmer.

In memory of **William Mace** by Jan Mace & family.

In loving memory of **Fred Mehren** and their daughter **Sherry Mehren Blascoe** and in honor of **Teresa Field** for her service and dedication to our congregation and **Sue Cram** for her service and dedication to our church by Judy Mehren.

In memory of her husband **Glenn Palmer** and in honor of her son **Greg Palmer** by Gail Palmer.

In memory of **Hans & Corry Regnier** and in honor of **Don & Mary Elise Thomas** and **Carol & Adrian Hill** by Megan Thomas & Michele Regnier.

In memory of **Dr. Milton G. Schmitt** and **Dr. Katherine Andersen** and in honor of our **Court Street Family** by Judy Schmitt.

In memory of **Sharon Hauch, Bill & Ella Shindel, Dorothy Loehr, and Bill Hesson** and in honor of **Calvin & Gwen Culpepper** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In memory of **Scott Stanis** by DuWayne & Nancy Stanis.

In memory of Stan's parents, **Bethel & Opal Tunnell**, and Joan's parents, **Jack & Toni Diestelmeier**, and in honor of their **daughter, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter** by Stan & Joan Tunnell.

"To God Be the Glory! Great things He has done!" by Lorelle & Robert Wandell.

In memory of **family and friends** and in honor of their mothers **Lois & Eleanor** and **Sisters & Brothers** by Rev. Richard & Jeanine Wang.

In memory of **John & Mary Boyer** and **Lt. Lewis Boyer** and in honor of **Ralph & Martha Zimmerman** by Phil & Susan Zimmerman.