



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

*There is no Sunday School today; children will remain in worship with their families.
Fidget bags are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

Prelude *A Festive Intrada* Walter Pelz
Velda Graham Bell, organ

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" from Messiah G.F. Handel
Brandon Veale, tenor; Stacy Carolan, trumpet; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Call to Worship Shane LeClaire

One: Once there was sadness –
All: Now we are clothed with Easter joy!
One: Once there was mourning –
All: Now there is the possibility of rejoicing!
One: Once there were tears and silence –
All: Now laughter has returned and praise abounds!
One: Once there was hunger and longing –
All: Now we are gathered together in Christ and fed with God's love!
One: For Christ has risen –
All: He has risen indeed!

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading Shane LeClaire

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words and, returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



* Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

UM Hymnal #302, v. 1-4

Easter Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in an EASTER GOD, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the RISEN CHRIST, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life. We believe in the LIVING SPIRIT, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave the tomb and live in the life power of Christ. We are an Easter People. We believe in resurrection and new life.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Lord's Prayer

All: 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Mfurahini Haleluya (Christ has Risen, Alleluia)*

traditional Tanzanian song; arr. Cathy Moglebust

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin- Langdon, director of family ministries

Scripture Reading

Shane LeClaire

Philippians 2:1-11

One: If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete; be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

All: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

All: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Anthem *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Mark Williams

Sanctuary Choir; Michael Goodlet-Meijer, director

Sermon *Changing Our Mind - THEREFORE*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *Thine Be the Glory*

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Offering Invitation and Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: Christ is Risen!

All: So we have hope and healing!

One: Go forth sharing resurrection life in all you say and do!

Benediction Response "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah

G.F. Handel

You are invited to join in singing with the choir from your seats.

Postlude "Toccata" from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*

Instrumentalists

Trumpets: Stacy Carolan, Kevin Huseth

Trombones: Derek Bromme, Reed Hartman

Percussion: Tessa Boyson, Derek Bromme, Stacy Carolan, Michael Goodlet-Meijer, MaryAnne Korsch



*Please fill out the **Connect Cards** each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

***Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

***This morning's offering** will be split among Harbor House, the United Methodist Love Offering and the mission and ministry of our church.*

***Next week's Faith Forum** will be held from 9:00-9:45 in the East Lounge. Charlie Orsak will talk about "Teaching Children About Climate Change."*

***Thank you** to Alex Flinner, Tommy Kishida and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.*

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