

Morning Worship
April 4, 2021, 10:00 am
Easter Sunday and Communion

Prelude "Hallelujah Chorus"

Beginning Music "Chrown Him With Many Crowns"

Words to ponder: "As we turn away from the tomb, we encounter the risen Jesus. As we look in wonder, Jesus calls us by name. Life, not death, is the deepest truth—God's word for all creation."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Acts 10:34-43;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Scriptures for 2nd Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 122;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the day that sees Christ rise.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the day of new beginnings, for Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed! Allelujah!

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

God of hope, in the midst of death, you call forth life. When all hope seemed gone, you raised Jesus from the grave. We come before you today, longing for your life-giving presence. God of new life, raise us up with all your people. Lift us from the tombs of our despair and doubt, that we may rejoice in your power over death. God of joy, fill our hearts with alleluias as we sing your praises. Glory to God. Amen!

Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 302 V 1-4

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Psalm 118:1-2 & 14 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Musical Interlude

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Sermon "*The Rest of the Story*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

God of life and love, like Peter, we gaze into the empty tomb and see only death. Like Mary, we stand weeping over loss. We so often feel hopeless. We don't recognize any possibility for joy. Surprise us with your work in the world. May we dry our tears, as we dance into new life. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Sheryl Rajpolt

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Living God, you give us the greatest gift of all, the gift of new life. Grateful for this gift, we bring our offerings, the work of our hands. Use our gifts to share your word of hope, your promise of forgiveness, and your blessings with all creation. Grateful for your love, we offer ourselves, that we might walk with our neighbors into your garden of love. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Ed

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Sending Hymn "Up From the Grave He Arose" # 322

Benediction (Unison)

Christ is risen!
Alleluia!
The tomb is empty.
Alleluia!
Go with joy to meet the risen Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!

Benediction Response "He Is Exalted"
Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt

Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello, Eunice Alberts, Thayer Doyle, Patti Early, Bill Florin,
RoseAnne Homola, Amy Rajpolt, Sheryl Rajpolt

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Michelle Rajpolt; Children's Time: Rose Aiello

Singers: Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt

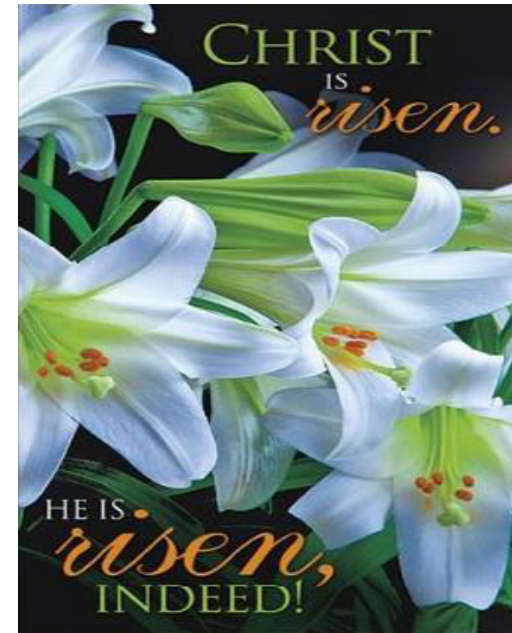
Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

Joys and Concerns: Sheryl Rajpolt

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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