

Easter Sunday Worship

April 9, 2023, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Witnesses

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Risen Christ!" Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Patti Schif

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 105 Leader

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: **Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.**

Leader: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced, you His servants, the descendants of Abraham, His chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

People: **He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302
(v.1-4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Most Holy Jesus - You have risen - You have risen, indeed! You have proven your power over sin. You have proven your power over death. You have proven your power over our lives again and again. What more can we ask of you? You even told your disciples, "*Because I live, you also will live.*" Please allow your Holy Spirit to empower us today to live a life worthy of that promise. May we proclaim your goodness, because having a relationship with you is just too good to keep to ourselves. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "This is the Day" Jay Althouse

A Time for Children of All Ages Anita Stabler-Hussey

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Romans 10:8-15](#) (NIV) Malenna Hornak

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 28:1-10](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Witnesses - The Apostles" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "He Lives" UMH#310

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) (by Denise Wiley)

Heavenly Father, we pray that our offering reflects the grace of our Risen Lord. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection be filled with hopeful, loving and generous hearts. We offer our gifts to you in awe of the love of your Son towards us. Bless them in ways we can never imagine. May these offerings be a blessing to all who need You and a loving symbol that gives honor and glory to Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327
(v.1,2,4)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Amen, Amen" TFWS #2072
(with v.5)

Postlude

Easter Lilies are Dedicated in Memory of Roger and Beulah Carpenter and Samuel and Elizabeth Hossler by Lee & Dotti Hossler and Harry and Doris Kendall and Anthony and Phyllis Aiello by Dave & Rose Aiello

Coffee Hour Host: Hornak Family

Coming Up:

Apr. 16th - Reg. Sunday Worship Service @10am - "Jesus: Back and better-than-ever!" 😊 Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear about Jesus' return from the grave to pay a visit to his beloved disciples ([John 20:19-31](#)). Join us - You don't want to miss-out like Thomas!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"