

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Virginia Madsen (Knee replacement)
Fred Will (knee pain), Kathy Schutz (healing)
Denny Lange (healing), and Marjorie Hultquist (healing).
Happy Birthday to Kerri Harsin, John Albers,
and Douglas Grams.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music by Children's Bell Choir
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH#302 vs. 1&2

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

O Christ who reigns among us, make these gifts be a part of your realm on earth. Bless them and send them through us, your channels of peace and care, to those who are in special need. Keep us in covenant with you in our giving, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music by Lena Choi

Closing Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH#304

Benediction

We have gathered at the tomb, stopped, and looked in. It is empty, thanks be to God! Now return to your homes, amazed at what has happened, and spread the word that Christ has been raised!

Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13 NIV)

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Order of Worship **April 4, 2021**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, please share with us on either one.
2. It is time to return to the church, as Christ is alive! Please encourage our church family to come to the in-person worship. We have prepared extra facial shields for those who cannot wear a mask. If you need one please contact Pastor Peter.
3. United Methodist Women's meeting will be held at 9:30 am, April 14. Your presence encourages the ministry of the church.
4. There will be Movie Night at 7:00 pm, April 21, Wednesday. The movie, MINARI, is about the story of a Korean American Family immigrating to a rural area of Arkansas in search of their own American Dream. It scored six Oscar nominations this year. It is FREE!
5. Last week we received offerings of \$5,785. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!

Opening Prayer

Great God of awakenings, we join you in joy this morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May your love inspire us during this sacred time, as we experience resurrection anew. Fill us with thanksgiving at the gift of new life! Amen!

Silent Prayer

Opening Song "The Day of Resurrection" UMH#303

Children's Message

Scripture

John 20:1-18 (NIV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Jesus is Still Risen!" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "He Lives" UMH#310