

## GATHERING & WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come this morning?

**We come to experience the Risen Christ.**

How will you know him?

**Through the love and life we feel present in this gathering of the Body of Christ.**

What will you do with this experience?

**We will go forth, witnesses to this amazing act of love.**

Come, then, people of God, let us worship our Easter God.

### OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's re-creation of the new day!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!

We give thanks for the gift of Easter  
that runs beyond our expectations,  
beyond our categories of reason,  
even more, beyond the sinking sense of our own lives.

We know about the powers of death,

powers that persist among us,

powers that drive us from you, and

from our neighbour, and

from our best selves.

We know about the powers of fear and greed and anxiety,  
and brutality and certitude.

powers before which we are helpless.

And then you – you at dawn, unquenched,

you in the darkness,

you on Saturday,

you who breaks the world to joy.

Yours is the kingdom...not the kingdom of death,

Yours is the power...not the power of death,

Yours is the glory...not the glory of death.

Yours...You...and we give thanks

for the newness beyond our achieving.

Amen

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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### SHARING THE BLESSING OF RESURRECTION WITH ONE ANOTHER

*(In the gospel of John, the first sign Jesus does to reveal himself is to speak Mary's name. In the same spirit, let us greet one another by saying, "(name), may you always have new life".)*

### PRAYERS

Community Prayers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

### LORD'S PRAYER

"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 and the power and the glory

forever. Amen."

### HYMN

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

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### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"

Karen Crittenden

### DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

### SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 6:6-7 & John 20:1-18

### MESSAGE

Morie Adams-Griffin

### HYMN

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH # 304

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

**We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia!**

**We shall bring love to those who are sad**

**And share joy with those who are happy**

**We will live our lives to the glory of God**

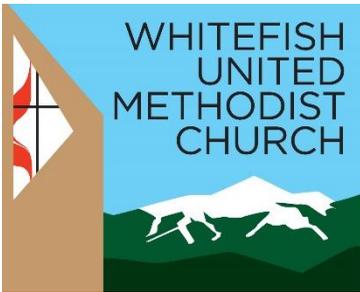
**We will live in Easter joy and Easter hope**

**And bring new life to those we meet.**

**Alleluia!**

*If you must leave the sanctuary during worship, please exit through the side doors as they are much quieter.*

*\*Please stand or sit as the Spirit leads you. Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers.*



## *Please join us after service*

Join us for fellowship & a light breakfast. After the 10:15 am service there will be a light lunch & an Easter Egg Hunt for kids!

## *Easter flowers graciously donated by*

Jean Loercher, Michelle McDowell, Lynn Grossman, Jacky Bosacker, Sylvia Heselwood, Dave LeBleu, Jesse Kuntz, Gayle Brown, Rob & Renee Funk, Sara Busse & Family, Carol & Mark Sanman, Lynn & Debby Nagel, Jack & Mary Dykstra, Ron & Alisa Petty

## *Announcements*

### **INTERFAITH PEACE SERVICE**

The first Interfaith Peace Service in the Flathead Valley will be **Sunday, April 8th, 5 -6pm, at the Gateway Mall's** community event space. Please join! All are welcome!

### **APRIL FOOD BANK NEWS**

We delivered over 33 pounds of food to North Valley Food Bank in March! This month we are continuing to collect canned fruit & veggies as well as cereal. Thanks!

### **MAY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Volunteers are still needed for **May**. The curriculum is planned! "Team" teaching is ok! **Please sign up TODAY!** If no one volunteers we will start summer schedule early!

### **VBS : SAVE THE DATE!**

Experience the ride of a lifetime at **Rolling River Rampage VBS - June 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>!** Registration begins in May! Volunteers welcome – see Erin Adams-Griffin or Lynn Dykstra for more info!

You're invited to learn more about how we seek to grow in God's love with each other & our community. We offer opportunities for all ages to explore how God is at work in each of us. To learn more call the office at 862-3418.

*Thanks for celebrating with us!*



## **John 20:1-18** **The Resurrection of Jesus**

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

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## *This Week*

### **TODAY**

Breakfast 8:15a  
Worship 10:15a  
Potluck Brunch & Kid's  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15a

### **MONDAY**

Finance Meeting 5p

### **WEDNESDAY**

UMYF 6:15p

### **THURSDAY**

Bulletin deadline 10a

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Adult Bible Study 9a

## *Volunteer!*

Sign-up in the narthex or visit [whitefishumc.org](http://whitefishumc.org)

- Liturgist on Sunday
- Bring altar flowers
- Lead fellowship
- Provide a meal for Youth Group!

## *Easy Giving*

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