

RISING
STRONG

Living Out the
Resurrection

Why do you look for the
living among the dead?
He is not here;

he has
RISEN!

First United Methodist Church

Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

April 12, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" (arr. V. Stephenson)
Contemplation on "Beautiful Savior" (Matthew Compton)
Wesley Handbell Choir- Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos

(10:45 AM) Introit "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in a time of uncertainty and doubts.
People: Help us, God, to see our questions and open our hearts.
Leader: Even though we are stubborn and lost, we are searching.
People: Hear our prayers and help our unbelief.
All: May your grace shine on us and open our eyes.

*Hymn No. 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Common Prayer

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

Mission Moment "Earth Day" Green Team

Scripture 1 Peter 1:3-9 (*pew Bible, NT, p. 218*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Look, Ye Saints, The Sight is Glorious" (William Owen)
Mary Lou Fisher, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Resurrection Hymn" (Steven Strite)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 526 “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Pastoral Prayer

(10:45 AM) The 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.

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 315

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Scripture

John 20:19-29

(pew Bible, NT, p. 108)

Message

Rising Strong: Living out the Resurrection
Week 1: “Rising from Skepticism ”

Rev. Jason Ríos

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal, No. 881

*Song of Praise, No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (stanza 1)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

8:15 AM ONLY (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

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Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

God of love and compassion, there are times when we doubt that situations will improve in the world or in our personal lives. Help us, Lord, to put on patience for your work to be done in us and around us. Let us witness your power, compassion, and faithfulness in ways we have not known before. Deepen our faith so that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.

Receiving the Offering "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (arr. Gail Smith)
Mary Lou Fisher, piano

*Doxology, No. 682 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (stanza 5)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn No. 322 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 322 "Up from the Grave He Arose" (refrain)

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Postlude "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (arr. Kenneth Kosche)
Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Bill Henry
Acolyte - Daniel Denisewicz
Liturgist - Ellen Campbell
Sound Tech - Roselyn Ovalles

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Sue Kepner
Acolyte - Greg Adkins
Liturgist - Carole Adkins
Sound Tech - Roselyn Ovalles

Pastors— Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick
Ministers— First Church Congregation

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY APRIL 19th "I WILL NOT BE AFRAID"



This has been an exciting year for the children's choirs at First UMC! We're small, but mighty! We'll end our choir season on Sunday, April 19 with a special musical presentation by Carol Choir at 8:15 & 10:45AM. Cherub Choir will sing at the 9:30 & 10:45 services. This year's musical takes a lighthearted look at facing our fears, Pastor Jason will make an appearance, and there will be a special "mystery guest". Come, join us. What are you afraid of?

WESLEY SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS- YOU'RE INVITED!

The Wesley Singers are a group of men who share the message of God's love, grace and mercy through singing at local retirement home. The only "skill" needed to join is a desire to sing your best! Upcoming concerts include:

Monday, May 4: 1PM at St. John's Herr Estate & 3PM at St Anne's
Monday, May 11: 1:30 PM at Trillium & 3PM at Woodcrest Villa

SPRING CANTATA - "Rose of Sharon" Sunday, April 26 at 8:15 & 10:45 AM

This is the Easter Response to the Christmas cantata "The Winter Rose," also by Joseph Martin. In the Easter story of the "Rose of Sharon," Jesus spans the entire story from Palm Sunday to Resurrection. First UMC Chancel Choir, along with orchestra, will be conducted by our Director of Music, Dr. Brian Norcross. It's the perfect day to Invite friends and family for a special day of worship!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY-

On **MAY 24th**, graduates will be celebrated at all three worship services. If you or someone from your family is a 2026 graduate (high school or college), please contact Katherine Spear (kgs.130@gmail.com or 717-394-7231 ext 3304) with the following information: graduate's full name, school attended, degree/certificate obtained, & future plans. We want to include everyone in this special celebration, so please be sure to send your information!

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE MAY 25th 6 PM

You're invited to embrace simplicity in a chaotic world with Taizé worship—an evening prayer service featuring meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise, times of silence, and contemporary Scripture-based chants. Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month at 6PM in our restful candlelit sanctuary

- *Spring Events* -

April 19

Children's Sunday
8:15 & 10:45 AM

April 26

Spring Cantata
8:15 & 10:45 AM

May 10

Mother's Day

May 17

Celebrate Sunday School
9:30AM

May 24

Graduate Recognition
8:15, 9:30, 10:45AM

May 31

Women in Faith lunch
12PM

June 22-26

Vacation Bible School
"Illumination Station"

- *Every Month* -

Taizé worship

4th Saturday, 6PM

Women in Faith Night Out

1st Fridays at Southern
Market Food Court