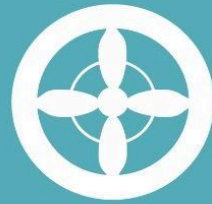


EASTER

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST



ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

8:30

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” Ringing Saints

9:45 & 11:00

“Majesty” Celebration Ringers

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thursday said things were changing.

People: **But Sunday was coming.**

Leader: Friday said it was finished.

People: **But Sunday was coming.**

Leader: Saturday was silent and our guilt and all of the doubts crept in.

People: **But Sunday was coming.**

Leader: Today, it is Sunday, and we hear the news that Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"He Lives" #310

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Thank you for your generosity! To contribute electronically, please see the QR code at the end of the bulletin.) Together we help spread the gift of Easter!

SHARING OUR GIFTS

8:30

*"Now the Green Blade
Riseth"* Ringing Saints

9:45

"Victory in Jesus" Chancel Choir

11:00

"Victory in Jesus" Chancel Choir

Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming
blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due
Him

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

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DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

¹Early 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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

"Stepping Into Faith"
Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Up From the Grave He Arose" #322

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

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!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

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!

GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

*The altar flowers are given by Kathy Louvar to the
glory of God in remembering my husband, Gary's, 75th
heavenly birthday and the blessing of His love in what
would have been our 55th wedding anniversary.*

QR Code provided for your tithes and offerings.

Thank you.



Welcome!

*If this is your first time to worship with us or you have
been a regular attender, we are glad that you are here
on this Easter morning. Our hope is that the risen
Christ will meet you right where you are, and that you
would know of His gift of new life. Please let us know
how we can walk with you on your Journey of faith.*

Easter Lilies

The lilies that grace our sanctuary this Easter Sunday are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of those who have touched our lives.

In Loving Honor of:

Irene & Lew Cardwell

by Ruth Anne & Art Callaham

Tim Benson and Matt Wallace for bringing beautiful music to St. John's every Sunday

by Friends

St. John's UMC

by Sandy & Frank Hayward

Our grandchildren

by Sherry & Jim Heitzenrater

Quinn, Harper, Tate and Ruby

by Susan Hricko

Lisa Swanson

by Linda King

Leslee Frazier

by Linda King

Our children, Will and Lora; grandchildren, William and Jacqueline

by Vona & Klip Morefield

Our grandson, Nick

by Margaret & Malcolm Nicholl

Our granddaughter, Fiona

by Margaret & Malcolm Nicholl

Our grandson, Jake

by Margaret & Malcolm Nicholl

Our grandsons, Jeff and Julian

by Carol & Gary Pikett

Birdie Hankins

by Sylvia Powers

Bunnie Moore

by Jodi & Tom Richey and family

Vivian Stamman

by Chris Stammann

Our children and families

by Joyce Trigger

In Loving Memory of:

Ann & W.E. Andrews

by Wanda Lee & Andy Andrews

Wanda & Ralph Plummer

By Wanda Lee & Andy Andrews

Athlyn Boswell

by The Boswell Family

My husband, Ken

by Betty Braddy

My son, David

by Betty Braddy

Blake Newman Bunk

by Nanci & John Bunk, his parents

Blake Newman Bunk

by Charles and Craig Bunk, his brothers

Max Burn, my husband of 45 years

by Judy Burn

Blanche & Arnold Callaham

by Ruth Anne & Art Callaham

Priscilla McMillion

by Susan Farris

Johnnie Stokes

by Susan Farris

Betty & Preston Matthews

by Betty & Ernie Keessen

Eloise & Gerry Keessen

by Betty & Ernie Keessen

Carole & Reed Clarkson

by Cara Longshore

Joel Mann, loving husband

by Judy Mann

Michael Alfred Moore

by Linda & Ronald Moore

Patsy Nichols

by The Nichols Family

Paul Sywassink

by The Nichols Family

Larry Peterson

by Gale & Jerry Peterson

Ruth Peterson

by Gale & Jerry Peterson

Our parents

by Carol & Gary Pikett

Our parents, Marcella & Jerry Poncik and Irene & Floyd Sewell

by Ann & Gearld Poncik

Stephen Powers

by Sylvia Powers

Rick Walenta and John Moore

by Jodi & Tom Richey and family

Virginia Scarborough

by Pam & Davis Scarborough

Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler Petty and Mr. & Mrs. Lester Siegel

by Leslie & Mike Siegel

Joanne & Leonard Stammann

by Chris Stammann

Bob Sunday

by Mary Sunday

Sandy & Dan Tavener

by Dory & Gary Tavener

David Thayer

by Frances Thayer

Our parents, Col & Mrs. J Girvan

by Carol & Rich Townsend

Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. R. Townsend

by Carol & Rich Townsend

Our loving parents

by Joyce Trigger

Larry Walker

by Donna Walker

Ethel & Cam Williams

by Cathy & Philip Williams