



April 1, 2018
8:30 am & 11:00 am
Easter Sunday

Introit "Risen Alleluia!" - Pote
Chancel Choir, Dr. David Dunbar, Director
Spirit Sounds Bell Choir, Susan Harding, Director

Greeting Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Prelude "Easter Overture" - Rimsky-Korsakov
Judith Pearson, organist

This is the day the Lord has made. (8:30 am) Andrew Haines
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (11:00 am) Sue Mullins

*Call to Celebrate

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Darkness has been vanquished. The brilliant light of hope
has come.

**Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News. Alleluia!
Christ is risen!**

*Song "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #302 (vss. 1-4)

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in darkness,
warmth in our cold. You are peace and hope and joy. You
turned defeat and failure to victory for all. May we who in
baptism die to sin, rise again to new life and find our true
place in your living body. May we, your church, together with
you, bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world.
Alleluia! You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and
glory to the living God! Amen.**

Anthem "Lift High the Cross" - arr. Tucker

Children's Message Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Baptism (11:00 am) Wesley William Eads

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9, *NIRV*

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Message Time to Celebrate Rev. Steve Goodier

Song "The Day of Resurrection" #303 (vss. 1-2)

Morning Prayer Rev. Jeremiah Harris

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.

Prayer Response "The Day of Resurrection" #303 (vs. 3)

Peeking Through *The Window*

Offertory "Rejoice" from *Messiah* - Handel
Gil Garcia, trumpet

Offering

* Thanksgiving and Praise #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good
news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed
forever. As we give back to you this morning, teach us to
keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our
love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.**

*Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* - Handel

*Prelude "Gloria" - Mozart

Organ/Piano duet: Judith Pearson & Dr. David Dunbar

*People standing, as able.

Bold type, response of the people

9:45 am Worship

Music provided by



"My Redeemer Lives"

"Arise!"

Welcome

"In Christ Alone"

God's Holy Word Isaiah 25:6-9, *NIRV* Joel Woodward

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Peeking through *The Window*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

"In the Secret"

Prayers of the People

"Mighty to Save"

The Blessing

"Shout Hosanna"

Prayers: Lew Moore & Juanita Roberts at North Shore. Barb Hancock at Northern Colorado Rehab.

For more prayer concerns, visit our website:

www.fumcloveland.com

Or

Complete the prayer request card located in the Friendship pad at the end of each pew. You may place the card in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Missionaries: Dr. Steve & Rev. Alene Burgert, Emmanuel & Florence Mefor, Donna Pewo.

Serving in the Military: Alex Barnett, Riley Bitner, Max Kolonics, Jacob Miklea and Danica Woodward.

Attendance: 3/25/18 - 412

Gifts: Thank you to UMW for donating \$1,722.27 to the youth.

Service: Thank you to all who decorated the Sanctuary for Easter.

Altar Flowers: Provided by Warren Miller & Cindy Swindell in memory of their parents, Louise & Elie Miller and Geri Swindell, and in honor of Calvin Swindell.

Acolytes: (8:30 am) Hayden Berdahl & Julianne Henry
(11:00 am) Kane & Molly Kenders

Large Print Bulletins & Hymnals are available from an usher.

Dear friends,

Easter on April Fool's Day? Whose idea was that?

Why don't we just let April Fool's Day be a day of practical jokes and leave it at that? Like putting maple syrup in the washroom soap dispenser. Or popping the number buttons off the telephone and rearranging them? Or filling the bathroom full of balloons?

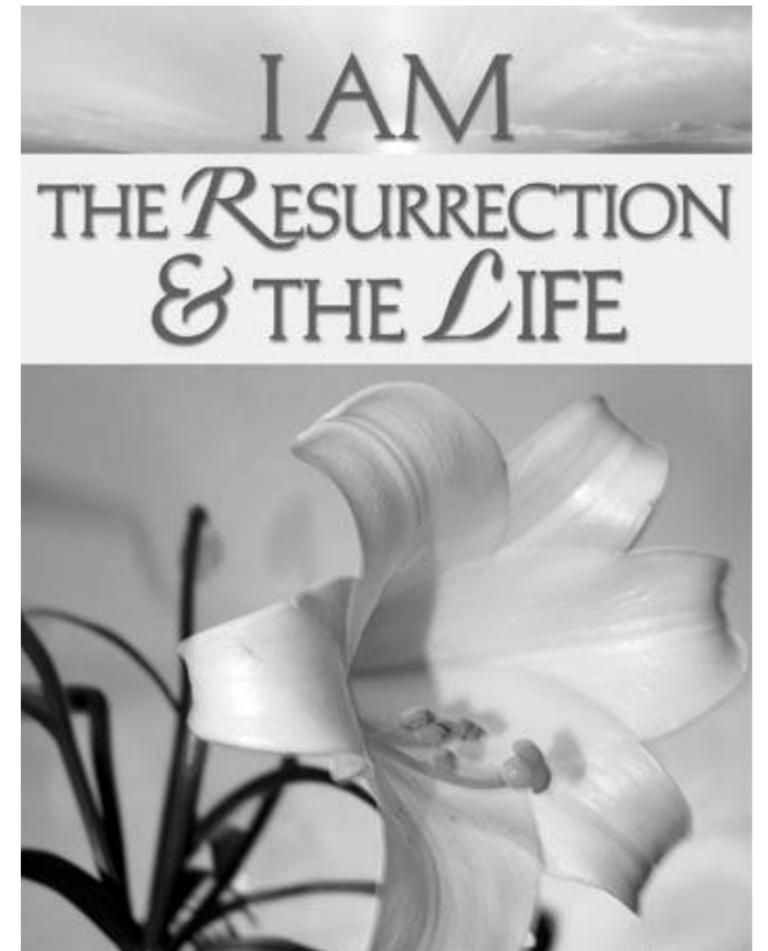
But confuse it with Easter?

Actually, the two observances fit very well together. Easter has long been celebrated (since the Middle Ages, anyway) as the day of the greatest practical joke ever played - Jesus getting the last laugh as he is raised from the dead. It's a joke played on death, which has no more power in this world. So it's fitting that Easter should fall on April 1.

I thought of encouraging you to come to church on Easter prepared with your best practical joke...but I know this church, and I'm afraid that would quickly get out of hand. We'd lose control of the Easter services, I'm sure.

So just come prepared to celebrate the risen Christ. Let's laugh and sing and be glad that God lives and love reigns. And save the maple syrup for pancakes.

Rev. Steve



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