



## **"The Third Sunday of Easter"**

**April 18, 2021**

*"A family of faith living on mission in the light of God's love."*

Greetings from your friends and family at First United Methodist Church of Troy, Ohio! We hope you experience the great love of Jesus Christ and a most gracious welcome from God's church family. Please let us know you are here. We look forward to getting to know you and making you feel at home.



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Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

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**Prelude**

"My Redeemer" - James McGranahan

Ms. Tawnie Johnson, organist

**Choral Introit (11:00)**

Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Rev. Chris Heckaman

**"Family Feud Round 1"**

This is the day that the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Today's Invitation:**

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the homes of his people.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Receive the gift of Christ's protection and love.

**Hymn #348 (UM Hymnal):**

"Softly and Tenderly"

**\*Invocation: A Traditional Prayer for a House Blessing**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.** Let us pray together...

**May the peace of God reign in this place and the love of God forever hold you tight.**

**May the Spirit of God flow through your life and the joy of God uphold you day and night.**

**\*Apostle's Creed #881**

**\*Gloria Patri #71**

**Choral Anthem (11:00)**

"Sing forth! Give thanks"

Troy First Chancel Choir

Mr. Mark Rogers, Director

Sing forth! Give Thanks. Give thanks; O praise the Lord. Let all rejoice and sing. The Lord is good.

Rejoice and sing.

Sing forth, rejoice! The Lord is good. Sing forth, rejoice; O praise the Lord.

God is Lord of all. Give thanks; O praise the Lord.

Sing forth, rejoice!

**Special Music (8:00)**

Ms. Tawnie Johnson, organist

**Children's Message (11:00)**

Penny Hoekstra

*Each week through June a different Troy First ministry leader, ministry candidate or professional will be assisting Pastor Chris during the service. Enjoy and celebrate God raising up new leaders for the harvest.*

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Evelyn West

### **Hymn of Response #2117 (The Faith We Sing) "Spirit of God," verses 1 & 2**

### **Scripture Reading:** Genesis 2:15; 4:1-8 NRSV

Ken Crawford

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it...1 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." 2 Next, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So, Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." 8 Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." [b] And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

"Our Original Purpose"

Rev. Chris Heckaman

### **\*Hymn #2226 (The Faith We Sing): "Bind Us Together"**

## **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

"Thine Is The Glory" - arr. by Lani Smith

Ms. Tawnie Johnson, organist

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In and through the ministry of Troy First United Methodist Church.*