

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday Celebration

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

Acolyte — Kate Thrush

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It happened! Jesus was absolutely right!

People: Christ is risen! It was as he said it would be!

Leader: Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!

People: God's love has poured over us, bringing us joy and hope!

Leader: We are free from fear and doubt!

People: We are free to celebrate and dance, and shout the Good News,
"Christ is Risen!"

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

*OPENING PRAYER

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN #302-----"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

First Church Handbell descant / D.M. Gardner

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.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY-----"Acclamation in G Minor" / Karen Thompson

First Church Handbell Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR

SCRIPTURE LESSON----- Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON -----"Amazed!"----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN #315-----"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott



If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Please feel free to call or send a text to....

Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592



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Make checks payable to "FUMC" / with a note "UMCOR / UKRAINE"

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Next meeting will be in May. (NO April meeting)

WELCOME TO NEW CUSTODIAN NOAH COGAR!

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee announces the hiring of our new evening custodian, Noah Cogar. Noah will work Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



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