

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. We look forward to meeting you after the service and hope to see you again soon. Please sign the RED attendance pad located in your pew.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided for infants and children ages three and under during the 11:00 Worship Service. If you need assistance, please see an usher.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God.

**ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE:**

LITURGIST: JOAN WALTON

USHERS: BARBARA & JIM MCGILVRAY

**ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE:**

LITURGIST: GEDDIS KERR

USHERS: JIM & DANNYE IVEY, DICK & MARGE JAVINS

ACOLYTE: ELIZABETH KUHLMAN

SOUND TECH: MATTHEW SCHUETTE

NURSERY: MARYANNE TURNER

COMMUNION SERVERS: REV. DAWN-MARIE SINGLETON, SARAH-GRACE SINGLETON

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton, Pastor

Doris Page, Administrative Assistant

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Michelle Orhan, Director of Music

Ben Paris, Organist

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Easter Sunday • April 16, 2017  
*\* Please stand if able*

**GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!**

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Where, O death, is your victory?

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

No. 302

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 65:17-25

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 696

**SONGS OF PRAISE (8:30)**

CONGREGATIONAL SELECTIONS

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC (11:00)**

*CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!* (GROTENHUIS)

SANCTUARY CHOIR

**CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)**

REV. SINGLETON

*At the 11:00 a.m. service, children under 10 years old are invited to attend children's church in the education building.*

**AN EASTER LITANY**

(See insert)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Up From The Grave He Arose"

No. 322

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
**SERMON**

John 20:1-11  
*Easter – More Than Just a Day!*

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 114  
REV. SINGLETON

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

“Christ is Risen” (Verse 1)

No. 307

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet, we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Praise God we are forgiven. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

**HYMN TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

No. 304

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

This morning we will be taking communion by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread and then you are asked to dip the bread into the juice before partaking of it. There will be three stations up front and we ask that you go to the one closest to you. Please come up the center aisle, and return to your pew by the side aisles. As United Methodists, we celebrate an open table – which means all who come are welcome. You do not have to be a member of this church nor a United Methodist to partake of this sacrament. You only have to love God, earnestly repent of your sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Come.

**SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“He Lives”

No. 310

**RELEASE OF BUTTERFLIES**

*During the hymn of dedication, Rev. Dawn-Marie will lead the children outside to release the butterflies. The congregation (and choir at 11:00) is invited to follow. You are asked to assemble outside.*

