

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*To parents of young children: Relax!*

*God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

*-Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*

*-Explain the parts of the service and action of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.*

*-Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.*

*If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.*

*As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

**GATHERING MUSIC:**

GRATITUDE

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*A SONG OF PRAISE: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L LAZARUS, THOUGH DEAD, WAS CALLED TO LIFE BY JESUS.

P MAY WE BE CALLED TO THE LIGHT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

L AS OTHERS WITNESSED THIS RESURRECTION, THEY BELIEVED IN JESUS.

P MAY WE, WHO HAVE HEARD, BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF JESUS TO  
CONQUER OUR FEARS AND DOUBTS.

L PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO HAS GIVEN US JESUS.

P PRAISE BE TO JESUS WHO HAS GIVEN US LIFE. AMEN.

**\*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):**

*Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DIANE VARNUM**

This, this is where children belong.  
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.  
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.  
This is where children belong.

*After the Children's Moments your child is welcome to:*

*-Stay and be part of the worship service.*

*-Attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade-upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers)*

*-Attend the Nursery (Ages: Newborn-Pre-K-main level, down the hall with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers)*

**\*A SONG OF PREPARATION: SPIRIT SONG**

**UMH 347**

**SCRIPTURE: JOHN 11:17-27 (NRSV)**

17 WHEN JESUS ARRIVED, HE FOUND THAT LAZARUS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN THE TOMB FOUR DAYS. 18 NOW BETHANY WAS NEAR JERUSALEM, SOME TWO MILES AWAY, 19 AND MANY OF THE JEWS HAD COME TO MARTHA AND MARY TO CONSOLE THEM ABOUT THEIR BROTHER. 20 WHEN MARTHA HEARD THAT JESUS WAS COMING, SHE WENT AND MET HIM, WHILE MARY STAYED AT HOME. 21 MARTHA SAID TO JESUS, "LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED. 22 BUT EVEN NOW I KNOW THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK OF HIM." 23 JESUS SAID TO HER, "YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN." 24 MARTHA SAID TO HIM, "I KNOW THAT HE WILL RISE AGAIN IN THE RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY." 25 JESUS SAID TO HER, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE, WILL LIVE, 26 AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" 27 SHE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, THE ONE COMING INTO THE WORLD."

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

**Yes, we believe it.**

**MESSAGE : THE IMPLICATIONS OF EASTER: DEATH AND LIFE**

**REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**A TIME OF GIVING**

**\*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.

\*A SONG OF INVITATION: HE TOUCHED ME

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\*CONGRGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Night Dinner: Main Dish:**

April 26: Compliments of Dustin & Carrie

**May 3: September Club:** Noon.-Please bring a side dish

**May 7: United Women of Faith –Potato Bar** immediately after church.  
Eat-in and to go meals will be available.

**Meeting Night**

**WEEKLY:**

**Prayer Breakfast :** Thursdays at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park. We will start with a devotion, pray over our prayer list, and enjoy fellowship together. You pay for your meal.  
**Eat, Study, Pray (ESP)** Tuesdays at noon. Mary DeMoss leads our bible study. Bring your own lunch.

**Wednesday Dinner/Bible Study:**

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Bible Study at 6:30 pm.

**WNK: Wednesdays** at 6:00 pm.

**Choir Practice : Wednesdays** 5:00—5:55 pm.

**God's Big House-Sunday Morning** at 10:00 am for ages Pre-K—5th grade.

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