

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L CHRIST HAS RISEN!

P CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED.

L FAITH, HOPE, AND JOY ARE ALIVE.

P A NEW AGE IS DAWNING, AND DEATH CANNOT HARM US.

GOD OF ALL CREATION, WE PRAISE YOU. GOD OF RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL LIFE, WE HAVE GATHERED IN THIS GARDEN TO WORSHIP YOU AND CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY.

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

Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news, and because we are not left alone, we can pray your prayer. (All pray the Lord's Prayer.)

***HYMN: HE IS LORD**

UMH 177 (2 TIMES)

HE IS LORD, HE IS LORD!

HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND HE IS LORD!

EV'RY KNEE SHALL BOW, EV'RY TONGUE CONFESS

THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

4 MONOLOGUES: (THOMAS, PETER, THE BELOVED DISCIPLE, AND MARY MAGDALENE)

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:1-10 (THE MESSAGE)

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7** and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9** for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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

YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY-UMH 302

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!

EARTH AND HEAVEN IN CHORUS SAY, ALLELUIA!

RAISE YOUR JOYS AND TRIUMPHS HIGH, ALLELUIA!

SING, YE HEAVENS, AND EARTH REPLY, ALLELUIA!

LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE, ALLELUIA!

FOUGHT THE FIGHT, THE BATTLE WON, ALLELUIA!

DEATH IN VAIN FORBIDS HIM RISE, ALLELUIA!

CHRIST HAS OPENED PARADISE, ALLELUIA!

LIVES AGAIN OUR GLORIOUS KING, ALLELUIA!

WHERE, O DEATH, IS NOW THY STING? ALLELUIA!

ONCE HE DIED OUR SOULS TO SAVE, ALLELUIA!

WHERE'S THY VICTORY, BOASTING GRAVE? ALLELUIA!

4 MONOLOGUES: (MARY MAGDALENE, THOMAS, THE BELOVED DISCIPLE, AND THOMAS)

***HYMN: BECAUSE HE LIVES-UMH 364**

GOD SENT HIS SON
THEY CALLED HIM JESUS
HE CAME TO LOVE
HEAL AND FORGIVE
HE BLED AND DIED
TO BUY MY PARDON
AN EMPTY GRAVE
IS THERE TO PROVE
MY SAVIOR LIVES

BECAUSE I KNOW
HE HOLDS THE FUTURE
AND LIFE IS WORTH THE LIVING
JUST BECAUSE HE LIVES

AND THEN ONE DAY I'LL CROSS
THE RIVER
AND I'LL FIGHT LIFE'S FINAL
WAR WITH PAIN
AND THEN AS DEATH GIVES WAY
TO VICTORY
I'LL SEE THE LIGHTS OF GLORY
AND I'LL KNOW HE REIGNS

BECAUSE HE LIVES
I CAN FACE TOMORROW
BECAUSE HE LIVES
ALL FEAR IS GONE

BENEDCTION

Join Us:

April 9: 10:00 am Easter Worship Service

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.

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