

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, March 31st, 2024 - 10:00 AM



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *Pastor*



Judy Miller, *Accompanist*

Becky Taylor, *Media*

Diane Sweat, *Pew Ambassador*

Sharon Studinski, *Greeter*

Pat McGrath, *Usher*

Kathy McGrath, *Liturgist*

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

"Without the victory of the empty tomb, the cross alone would not have completed our salvation." -
Katherine Walden

"Jesus' resurrection is part of God's ongoing project not to snatch people away from earth but to
colonize earth with the life of heaven." -*N.T. Wright*

"I AM the Resurrection and I AM the Life. Those who believe in Me,
even though they die, will live; by living in Me, they will never die." -*John 11:25-26*

[Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!]

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / P – People / † – words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit

UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

BURIAL OF JESUS CHRIST

Mark 15:46-47 (^N73)

 **THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP** 

(please observe a reverent silence for a moment of preparation for worship)

THE EMPTY TOMB

Mark 16:1-8 (^N74)

†*HYMN OF PRAISE:

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Everlasting God

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

†*THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Ends with . . .  **Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le—lu—u—la! (3x)**
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! 

(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE STORY COMES ALIVE!

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST BREAKS HIM OUT OF THE SCRIPTURES

SERIES: **GOD'S TRIUMPH**, Pt. 3 of 3

YEAR 2 JOURNEY: **LIVING OUT GOD'S KIN'DOM**, Pt. 30 of 37

(3) We respond to what God is saying to us!

A Reimagined Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Identity

*PROCESSION TO THE EMPTY CROSS

(you are invited to come forward and place your flower on the cross)

(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS (*Joys*)

(UMH 94)

*🎵 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu——ia! 🎵**

*(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary;
you may also give online at peumc.org/donate.)*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†*The Lord's Prayer

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†*HYMN OF MISSION:

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

*BENEDICTION

M: Until we meet again, may the RISEN CHRIST be with you all!

P: **And also with you!**

ALL: AMEN!

Sunday Services – 10:00 AM

TODAY

Easter

Potluck breakfast 8:30a
Simple early service, 9a
Choir Practice #3 of 3 – 9:15a
Normal service – 10a

April 7th

Second Sunday of Eastertide

Communion Sunday
Sunday School during the service

April 14th

Third Sunday of Eastertide

Second Sunday Refreshments

April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide “Festival of God’s Creation”

April 28th

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

THE FAMILY CENTER, Exe. Dir.,
Tricia Fancher, to speak

Events & Meetings

Tuesday, April 2nd

Worship Team Mtg. – **postponed**
Sharing Memories Group –
EL CAFÉ
10:30a discussion / 11:00a Lunch

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Tuesday, April 9th – 10:00 AM

The Ministry Team Mtg.

Wednesday, April 10th – 1:00 PM

Circle of Friends

Tuesday, April 16th – 7:00 PM

FACTS & MYTHS ABOUT HOSPICE

Presentation by Dawn Freelund
(Compassus—House of the Dove)
@ El Café Banquet Room (free)
(PEUMC’s first ‘Head & Heart
Event’)

Sunday, May 5th – 4:00 PM

20th Anniversary Rapids
Community Choir Concert –
First Congregational Church,
Rapids

March/April Bimonthly Mission Project:

The Family Center – Wisconsin Rapids (Goal: 20 filled “Sendoff Bags”)

We are praying over these households throughout March:

(randomly chosen by slips of paper on 2/25)

Sharon Studinski; Gloria Wunrow; Leo & Sue Thomasgard household;
Jeff & Becky Taylor household; LuAnn & Dennis Slattery household.

We are praying over these households throughout April:

(randomly chosen by slips of paper on 3/24)

Donna & Damon Klinger household; Jerene & Mark Sillars household;
Collin, Ethan, Korbin, Jenna, Matt Boerner household; Pat Markuson

Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of . . .

Hans Hansen
JoAnn Morgan
Our parents
Helen C. Smith; Edwin & Marie Heuer
Mothers & Fathers
Mr. & Mrs. Joe McGrath
Lloyd & Suzanne Lacasse /
Helen Reihmer
Ralph, Dorothy, and David Boger
Ellis John Mills /
One for the altar
My grandmother, Huldah E. Moore
Rev. Lloyd & Myrtle Foster
My husband, Gerald Studinski
Bob & Mae Monty /
Paul & Jane Thomasgard
Thomas Wirtz
Ray Wunrow

Nancy Hansen

*Kenneth & Susanne Brzezinski
H. James & Marijean Herschleb
Edwin & Mary Heuer
Gerald & Nancy Klahn
Patrick & Kathy McGrath*

*Maribeth Lacasse-Salo
Lisa Miller*

*Kathleen June Mills
Sandra Robinson
Dennis & LuAnn Slattery
Sharon Studinski*

*Leo & Sue Thomasgard
Rose Wirtz
Gloria Wunrow*

In honor of . . .

Mr. & Mrs. Don White
by Patrick & Kathy McGrath
Our son & daughter-in-law,
Trent & Kristina Tell
by Candace Prah-Tell

A Reimagined Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Identity

"A liturgy of Reaffirmation of Baptismal Identity" to accompany 'Front Porch Conversations'
by the West Virginia Conference © 2021; adapted by Pastor Caleb, 2024

Introduction

M: Holy Baptism—it's about who we are—our Identity *together*.
So who are we?

**P: We are siblings in Christ, called together by name: Called into one Body where there is no lesser or unneeded member.
We are the community of the baptized, initiated, incorporated, and given a new birth.**

M: By reaffirming our faith today,
we renew the holy Covenant as it was declared at our baptism,
acknowledging who God calls us to be:

P: People who thirst for justice and righteousness; people who continually offer ourselves for God's transforming action.

M: By reaffirming our faith today,
we acknowledge God as the One who gathers us:

**P: We are one diverse and beloved community,
God's transforming power and love can be found within and among us,
which empowers our commitment to Christ's Holy Church and to God's Kin'dom-building work.**

Reaffirming Our Baptismal Identity & Professing Our Faith

M: Who are you?

P: We are a people who renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and live a life of repentance.

M: Who are you?

P: We are a people who accept the calling to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all the ways they present themselves.

M: Who are you?

P: We are a people called to break down walls of fear, build bridges of equity, develop relationships with those unlike us, and learn from the rich diversity of God's good creation.

M: Who are you?

**P: We are a people who confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
who trust in His grace, and who promise to serve Jesus as Lord.**

M: Who are you?

**P: We are the Church of Jesus Christ—
open to people of all ages, nations, races, and identities.**

M: Who are you?

**P: We are the Body of Christ, loving one another and our neighbor:
those we know and don't know, those with whom we agree
and even disagree; we are Christ's representatives in this world.**

M: Who are you?

**P: We are a people who must remember our baptism daily.
We ask ourselves: Who are we leaving out? Who is not present?
Who has been harmed by the church?
How well are we advancing the mission of Christ?**

M: Who are we together?

**ALL: We are a people who receive and profess the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old & New Testaments.**

M: Do you believe in the Abba God, the Creator?

ALL: I believe in God, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Advocate of Truth?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, whose love binds us together.

[water is poured]

Thanksgiving Over the Water:

M: *Let us pray:*

Pour out this same Holy Spirit upon us and upon this gift of water.

Call to our memory the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For You have washed away our sins, and You clothe us with righteousness
throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ, we may share in His
final victory. Empower us

to grow and live from God's transforming power each day.

**ALL: All praise to You, Eternal God, through Your Son Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever: AMEN!**

Remembering Our Baptism

M: So who are we together?

ALL: We are the Baptized Family of God!

[water is used]

M: Remember that you are baptized and be thankful!

ALL: We remember and we are thankful!

A Blessing

M: May the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born again through the water and through the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

P: May it be so!

M: *Let us give thanks to God together:*

**ALL: Almighty God, we rejoice with You and with one another
as we remember who we are:**

**Christians, loyal to Christ,
through this congregation of The United Methodist Church.
Through Your Spirit,
help us to examine what we are doing as Christ's ambassadors
so that we, in faithfulness and joy,
can better spread the Good News
and life-giving joy of Christ to all people: AMEN!**

PROCESSION TO THE EMPTY CROSS

(you are now invited to come forward and place your flower on the cross)

*(bring your rock forward and place it in the water of the baptismal font;
then pick a gem to take out from the water and keep for yourself.)*