

April 16, 2017



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:30 am Early Easter Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you’re new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.

Inside this bulletin is a an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. The Missions Breakfast is offered downstairs in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Everyone is welcome!!

Happy Easter—He is Risen!

Together We Come Into God's **PRESENCE**

* *Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)*

GATHERING MUSIC

SONG OF REMEMBRANCE "Were You There" No. 288

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning in which Jesus passed over from death to life, we gather as the Church to worship and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

* SONG OF DAWNING "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is Risen!

L: Christ is Risen

L: He is Risen!

People: He is Risen!

P: He is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen, indeed!

* PASSING OF EASTER PEACE

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

OPENING PRAYER

Let us Pray: **Lord of Life, through Your only Son You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. The wondrous birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem means nothing unless we are born again, and Jesus' death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, by the renewing of Your Spirit as You live in us this day and for all the days to come. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION "Lamb of God" No. 2113

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

EASTER DECLARATION

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11: 25)

Response: **Glory be to God! The Lord gives us victory over sin and death through our Messiah Jesus Christ.**

FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW "Bunnies, Eggs, and Jesus" Pastor Jenny
(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. Response: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Surprise at Dawn"

Pastor Jenny Seylar

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

OFFERING AND COMMUNICATION INSERTS

* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

Let Us Pray: **Eternal and Holy God, we thank You that we could rest in the depth of Your love. It is by grace that You have offered us eternal life, and for that we thank You. We ask that Your Son, Jesus, continue to reveal Himself to us in new ways. As Your Easter people, we offer You these gifts and offerings. Please make them a blessing to those whom we share Your love with through the ministries of Your church here in Tipton. In the Savior's Name we pray, Amen.**

We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

* SONG OF CELEBRATION

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

No. 322

* BLESSING AND SENDING

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Christ is risen from the dead! Go as confident children of God knowing that Christ is with you always, even to the end of the age! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed!

* DEPARTING MUSIC

***Join us for breakfast in the Dining Room following the service.
Easter Celebration and Communion 10:30 am***

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos	Andrew Allen - Xn Chaos Accompanist
Don Griffith - Custodian	Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director	Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director	Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist
Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher	Jo Brown & Dee Wallace - Accompanists
Jenny Seylar - Pastor	

April 16 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Katilyn Rogstad & Lea Stonebraker
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny
Liturgist: 7:30 Dale Seylar, 10:30 Kris Clark
Ushers: 7:30 Stonebrakers, 10:30 Millers, Youngs
Greeters: 7:30 Mentes, 10:30 Persons
Nursery: Bailey Roth
PowerPoint: Zoe Stonebraker
Communion Stewards: Betty & Emma Russell,
Mindy Williams

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Bob Whitlatch

Healing: Ellen Fear, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Chris Kuehl, Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law), Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Steve Person, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Ruel Wehde, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss
Comstock family
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration
Persons in employment limbo
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Kevin Lewis, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Jerry Swinton, Jon Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul, Dave Russell

April 23 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Alicia & Jenae Walter
Children's Lesson: Melinda Stonebraker
Liturgist: Jen Johnson
Ushers: Rickards and Schultz family
Greeters: Rich & Karen Zobel
Nursery: Cheryl Person
PowerPoint: Comstock Family

April 9: Sunday School 74, \$4.00
Worship 125, General Fund \$2,952.50,
Apportionments \$100.00, Leaving a
Legacy \$50.00, Missions \$50.00, Copper
Kettle \$59.66, Easter Pool \$220.00,
UMCOR 10.00.

GRAND TOTAL \$3,442.16

Sunday, April 16th

10:30 am Worship

Monday, April 17th

12:00 pm Circle of Friends

Tuesday, April 18th

1:00 pm GIG, 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 8196,
6:45 pm Leadership Council

Wednesday, April 19th

Newsletter Deadline, 1:30 pm
Confirmation, 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 4231,
6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00
pm Choir

Thursday, April 20th

10:00 am GIG, 5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302,
5:30 pm Shared Blessing Prep, 6:30 pm
Trustees, 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, April 22nd

9:00 am Made to Crave, 11:00 am Shared
Blessings

Sunday, April 23rd

7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00
am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship

**Sunday, April 30th—Children's Sunday
School leads worship**