

WELCOME

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christians. We are delighted that you have chosen to begin this day with us and we welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.

We invite you to join us at First UMC for our Sunday worship! We offer Children Sunday School at 10am. Our regular Worship service at 11 am in the Sanctuary. Adult Sunday School at 12:30pm

Our Vision for First UMC is to share the message of Christ through community, compassion and faith. So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We thank those who help make this Easter worship a ministry of grace

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Alleluia!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Following Jesus - Thriving in Community - Healing the World

March 31, 2024 - 11am
Easter Sunday Worship Service

(If you are visiting, thank you for choosing First United Methodist Church today. Please take a minute to complete a Contact/Prayer Card located in the pew racks. Place the card into the collection plates anytime during worship.)

Gathering Music

Emma Grace Diaz

Welcome

Peggy Gregory

Call to Worship, the Easter Acclamation

Spoken three times, getting louder each time.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn #302 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Opening Prayer

God of love and mystery, the Christ you have raised from the dead is the Christ who lives in us. By this mystery you give us courage to love, willingness to trust, and faith to endure. Your love can't be defeated. Your presence can't be taken from us. All the powers of evil and injustice, even sin, even death, are vulnerable to your grace. May Christ rise in our hearts, fill us with your light, and lead us with joy into new lives. We pray in the continually renewing Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Hymn #327 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sharing the Peace –

“Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**”

A Reading from Holy Scripture – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Children's Sermon

David Beeman

A Reading from the Holy Scripture – Mark 16: 1-8

The Message – “Nothing there”

Pastor Pablo Róvere

Hymn #322 – Up from the grave

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (UMH #39)

Abigail & Scarlett Lenger

Special Music

Emma Grace Diaz

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Dedication (Laundry Love Ministry – Food for Salvation Army)

The Lord's Prayer. (unison)

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 #308 – Thine Be the Glory

Offering our thanks and ourselves.

***Doxology: #94**

Offering Prayer

Lord, you have provided all that we need. All that we have is yours. Receive the tithes and offerings of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #310** – He Lives

***Blessing**

Postlude