

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 a.m. April 16, 2017

When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

(*) denotes congregation standing

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

Let us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Helen Alexander

PRELUDE *DIADEMATA* Page
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CALL TO WORSHIP Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 308 UM Hymnal
Thine Be the Glory

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison) Rev. Pat Sykes
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Mary Griffith
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

From the Psalter No. 839 Psalm 118:14-29
Sing the response #2

ANTHEM *Christ the King is Risen Today*

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

SERMON **God's Mornin' Is Come** Rev. Mike Sykes

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 The Apostle's Creed
UM Hymnal

*Gloria Patri No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father*
**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Pat Sykes
We come on this day, O God, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; you come, to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; you come, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Come, People of the Risen King* Larson

*DOXOLOGY No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mike Sykes

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 310 UM Hymnal
He Lives

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Sykes

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH
LLANFAIR Page
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Please stand as you are able

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Ponder this.....

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death--that is not the great thing--but that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.
Phillips Brooks

On this spring day, we thank you, God, for showing us Easter life in ordinary things: new flowers, budding leaves, sunshine, gentle rain, baby animals and birds.

Presence

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	71
Worship	200
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal	32
Monday Lenten Service	52
Tuesday Lenten Service	48
Wednesday Lenten Service	49

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2017	\$493,245.35
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$142,282.20
Given to Date	\$135,726.88
Percentage Given	95.39%
Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget	\$ 9,485.48
Budget offering last week	\$ 10,605.00
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,905.00
Zoe pennies collected in February	\$ 60.00

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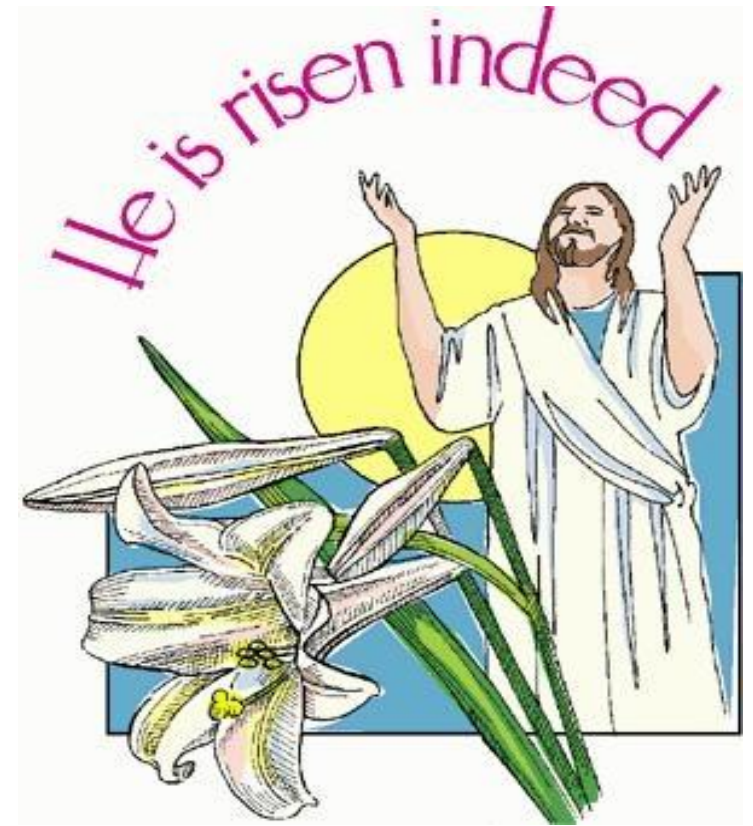
Stephen Ministry

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Service for April 16

Ushers	Benson Crofts Team
Heat/AC	Tim Capel and Steve Webb
Crucifer	Kevin Aiken
Acolytes	Allie Matheson and Trent Deane
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Nursery	Leigh Ann Ray
Greeters	Glenda Hughes Gaynelle Moon
RCO Soup Kitchen Leader	Hilton and Glenda Haines
Hedge Prayer	Cross Currents Class
Hermitage Volunteer	Robert Cain and Joyce Smith
Sunday Morning Fellowship	UMM
Next Sunday	Glenn Alexander

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God by Larry and Jan Clay in memory of Gladys Clay and in honor of Philip Clay on their birthdays.



Easter Sunday

First United Methodist Church

Love God Love Others Love the World

10:55 am



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