

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*—Balcombe Mrs. Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ina Clements, Liturgist
L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
P: Christ is risen indeed!
L: Darkness has been vanquished.
P: The brilliant Light of Hope has come.
L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News.
P: All are the ones that Jesus loves! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vs. 1-4) No. 302

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME AND RECEIVING OF LENTEN BOXES Rev. Waller
(*Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SKIT *Am I Guilty: Mary Magdalene* Heather Quinn

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-12 New Testament pg. 84

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Jesus and the Ones He Saves: Nonsense* Rev. Waller

(*Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.*)

OFFERTORY *Hallelujah Chorus*—Handel Piano/Organ Duet

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 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 power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

REMEMBERING AND HONORING ON EASTER Martha Anderson and Annette C. Board

ANTHEM *Praise the God of Resurrection*—Hayes Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Open Our Eyes* TFWS No. 2086
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* No. 304

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk
with each other in perfect harmony. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

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Serving Today:

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Greeter: Martha Anderson
Acolyte: Landry Foutz
Usher: Jim Anderson
Children's Church: Nancy Midaugh
Nursery: Dixie Lumsden
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Serving Next Week (April 16):

Liturgist: Becky Newbill
Greeter: Janice Thurman
Acolyte: Silas Gibson
Usher: P. D. Hambrick
Children's Church: Mittie Hambrick
Nursery: Martha Sue Gibson
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Eleanor Woody; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Maria Bray (Linda Walters); April Wyatt Scott; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

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Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, April 10** **Church Office Closed**
- **Tuesday, April 11** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting
- **Thursday, April 13** **7:00 p.m.**, Building Committee Meeting
- **Next Sunday, April 16** **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **Monday, April 17** **May Newsletter Deadline**
- **Wednesday, April 19** **5:00 p.m.**, "It's Just A Phase - So Don't Miss It" Parents' Book Discussion
- **Tuesday, April 25** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting
- **Thursday, April 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Saturday, April 29** **9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, Mountain View District United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Day Retreat at Epworth UMC

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.
Special thanks to the Jubilant Ringers for the beautiful bell music today!

Stones come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and uses. Some stones adorn rings, other stones are crushed and turned into gravel pieces. Some stones line the riverbank, providing stabilization and thus, preventing erosion, and others grind up grains so they can be used for bread. What kind of stone are you? Join in on this 4-week sermon series, "Cornerstone." We'll examine stones in the Bible, what Jesus says about stones, and which stone you might be. Join in...it'll rock.

Acolyte Sunday is coming! On Sunday, April 23, we will be celebrating acolytes with a special dedication. All acolytes that are currently serving as acolytes are asked to be in attendance.

Mountain View District United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Day Retreat will be on Saturday, April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Epworth UMC. The speaker is our own Rev. Will Waller. Reservation with \$5.00 cash or check made out to RMUWF can be given to Charlotte Hill or Linda Walters.

Our small groups are taking off and flying high!! For those younger adults - singles and married - you have a choice at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning. Our Branches small group meets on the fourth floor in the choir practice room. The Coffee Club meets in the Atrium (near the coffee pots!) and those folks enjoy a spiritual discussion in a more relaxed setting.

Our small group department has an immediate need for a volunteer to help in the nursery at 10 a.m. on Sundays. This person will assist our lead Jennie Ardis with those children 3 years old and younger. Since our small group attendance is increasing, we need to make sure we have appropriate coverage for everyone - especially our children. If you enjoy little ones, please prayerfully consider helping out in our nursery! Please contact Jane Roseberry (540-309-0199) or Pastor Will here at the church if interested or with any questions.

Attention: Parents of High School and College Graduates! If you have a child who will be graduating this spring, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we have an accurate list of the graduates. Please plan to attend the worship service on May 21 as our church celebrates this special time in their life.

We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!