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Easter Sunday March 31, 2024 | 10:00 am Worship

Prelude

**Call to Worship** 

Introductory Hymn - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302 vs. 1-4

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

#### Gloria Patri

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.

## **Passing of the Peace**

**Words of Welcome** 

#### Concerns of the Parish

# Pastoral Prayer and 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.

#### Children's Moment

#### We Offer Our Gifts to God

## Offertory

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Offertory Prayer**

# Hymn of Praise "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH #322

- Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
   Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
   Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
   He arose a victor from the dark domain,
   And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
   He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
- 2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, And he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
- 3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior, He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, And he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

#### Scripture

## John 20:1-2, 11-18 (NIV)

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

# Sermon "Looking at Life with Easter Eyes"

#### Hymn of Invitation - "He Lives" UMH #310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,

And just the time I need him, he's always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

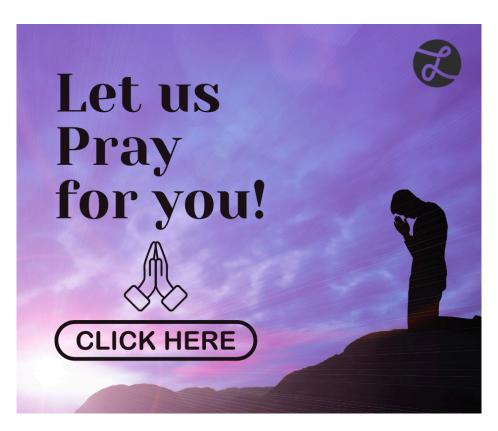
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

- 2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; The day of his appearing will come at last. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
- 3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; None other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

#### Benediction

#### Announcements & Events

















# **REQUIREMENTS**

- Short Essay
- Active Member at LMUMC
- ▼ The minimum GPA score is 3.00
- Have a faculty recommendation letter

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**APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30** 







## Young at Heart

We will not meet in April as it is Masters Week, and we will be painting in the Fellowship Hall and surrounding areas.

#### **United Methodist Women**

Our next meeting will be on April 16. All women of the church, young and old, are part of this group, and we would love to have you join us at 5:00 pm. Light refreshments are served.

# Membership at Lewis- "We're Better Together"

For more information about membership at Lewis Memorial UMC, please contact Rev. Ben Wills at ben@lewisumc.org.

## **Ongoing Discipleship Opportunities**

- -Our **Nursery** (Age 0-4) Our Nursery is available every Sunday for children to experience a loving and safe environment where they learn about God's love. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the clipboard right outside the Nursery door!
- -Join **Kingdom Kids** (K-5) each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM (except for First Sunday Family Worship) as they learn from God's Word, play games, do crafts, and grow in God's love together!
- **-United Methodist Youth Fellowship.** Make plans to join us every Sunday from 5:00-6:30 PM for fellowship, games, and Bible study under the direction of our Director of Youth Ministry, Grant Nichols. For more information on getting your student involved, reach out to Grant at <a href="mailto:grant@lewisumc.org">grant@lewisumc.org</a>. \*\*No Youth tonight.\*\*
- -The **Growing Christians** group meets on Sundays at 8:45 AM in Room 407. We are watching the second season of the Series "The Chosen." Join any time. If interested please contact Vicki Parker at 707-833-1665.
- -The **New Perspectives** group meets on Sundays at 8:45 AM in the Parlor. We are discussing "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws." If you are interested in joining, please contact Craig Doxey, (706) 726-9940.
- -Christ, Coffee, and Companions Women's Bible Study will meet on April 3rd at 7:00 pm at Grovetown Starbucks. Contact Jennifer at (706) 631-1319 for more info.
- -Thursday Evening Bible Study meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Currently studying

- "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. Books available for \$15.50. Contact Sherri at <a href="mailto:sherri.doxey@verizon.net">sherri.doxey@verizon.net</a> if interested in joining.
- -Sisters in Christ meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the parlor. This week they will be studying Romans Chapter 3. All are welcome to join us.
- -Disciples for Life, our online, Realm based Disciples for Life group will continue Max Lucado's Life Lessons series. The text will be *Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man.* It is possible to do the study without the book, but you will miss some of Lucado's beautiful writing. Please contact Sheryl Brown (sherbrown1211@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group and participate.

## **Meetings & Gatherings**

Apr 8 -12 - Church Office Closed for Masters Week
Apr 11 - No Young at Heart
Apr 14 - Next Faithful Step Campaign Celebration Sunday

## **General Budget Giving**

December 2023 - \$31,034 January - \$50,527 February - \$23,535.30 Mar 3 - \$6,291 Mar 10 - \$6,100 Mar 17 - \$7,455 Mar 24 - \$4,771

# **Prayer Needs for the Week**

OUR HEARTS ARE CONCERNED FOR KNOWN ISSUES

\*bold text indicates members of Lewis Memorial UMC

# Sandy Bagwell with health issues

**Denise Barnett** requests prayers for her friend, Chris Hall, who is undergoing Cancer treatment

Barbara Beall requests prayers for Bethany Bell, a friend facing health issues

Teresa Cox, a friend of **Peggy Medlin**, had surgery and they have found more health issues

Heather Medlin, daughter-in-law of **Peggy and Robert Medlin** is dealing with health issues

**John Pike** underwent kidney stone surgery on March 26th. He is recovering at home.

Charlie Smith has ongoing health concerns

Joanna Keel and her newborn, Harper Sadie - Joanna underwent emergency C-section. They are future family of **Catherine Beall** 

Help us to stay up-to-date with the prayer needs of the congregation. Please call the church office and leave a message or contact Peggy DeLucia at <a href="mailto:peggyjean123@gmail.com">peggyjean123@gmail.com</a>.









