



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

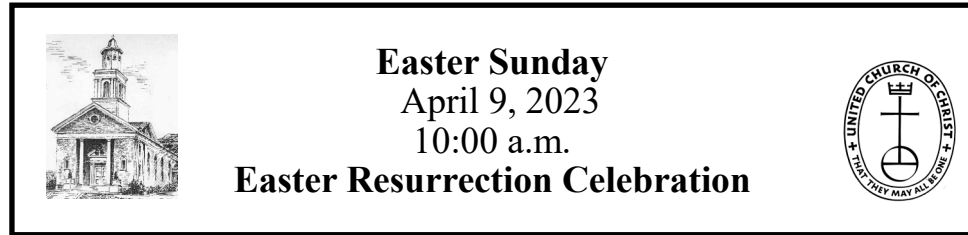
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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday Closed
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

As we prepare our hearts and minds to hear the Good News of Christ's resurrection keep us mindful of all those ways you have brought new life into the midst of our won suffering and dying, bringing confidence in your saving power both in this world and in the world to come. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Prelude "An Easter Celebration" (Joel Raney)

Welcome and Announcements

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

From the death, life.

Great mystery; holy promise!

For whom are you looking?

For Jesus, our Savior, our teacher, our friend.

May this sanctuary become a garden of holy encounter.

Equip us God, with eyes to see the new life you offer.

Let us celebrate together Jesus' Resurrection as we Worship God!

***Hymn #288** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Easter Hymn)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

We adore and praise you, resurrection God, bringing victory over death, new life in the place of old, hope in the place of despair, glimpses of your peace and justice in our lives in the place of violence and oppression. Give us astonished and grateful hearts as we receive this miracle.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Tom Williams & Mike Hanson

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, April 9: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. Reception for Pastor Marty

Monday, April 10: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, April 11: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, April 12: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 13: 9:00 a.m.-Noon Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 15: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Chosen Series

Sunday, April 16: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Norma Biery, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Pam Maloney, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Shirley Rice, Family of Gregg Runge, Char Scholl, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, John & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Norma Biery. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Norma as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Norma Biery
Munro House
3034 Riggs Ave. Apt. 204
Erlanger, KY 41018

Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Merciful triune God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another by wrongful words and actions and by disregarding opportunities to do your holy will. We repent and are heartily sorry for the wrongs we have done and the good we have left undone. We ask your forgiveness in the holy name of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ; give us the will to amend our lives and the grace and power to do your holy will. For the sake of the same risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! Those who have the Christ have life. For Jesus has died and now has been raised victorious over sin and death. And in Christ, God has given us this victorious life – Resurrection Life, eternal Life! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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.**

Scripture From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Scripture From the Letters of Paul: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Anthem

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” (arr. Mary McDonald)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet,
fair flowers of paradise extend, their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love, be hold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, redeemer, hail. For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!

Scripture From the Gospels: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Sermon

“Go to Galilee!” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

*Hymn #298

“The Day of Resurrection!” (Lancashire)

Help Your Church

1) SPRING has sprung! **Let's de-clutter the church.** On Saturday, April 29th from noon – 3:00pm we need volunteers. All are welcome but we need you to also try and send your strong and healthy young family members and friends. Even if they don't attend St. John's, ask them to do this on your behalf. Any pick-up trucks are also welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to sign up helpers.

2) Are you willing to do a **children's chat on a Sunday morning**? All ages welcome and it only takes an idea and a bit of planning. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary or call the church office to sign up.



Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, April 12th
Noon-2:00pm
Drinks and Dessert will be Provided
Lunch will be Provided



The Chosen Series

Join us as we watch and discuss **season 3 of The Chosen**. Sessions are Saturday 10 – 11:30 am in the church library. All are welcome; join us as you are able.

Episode 1: FORGIVE as Jesus forgives – “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (*Matthew 6: 14-15*) - **Saturday April 15**

***Doxology**

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Take these gifts we present on the holy Easter day, gracious God, and take our lives as well, as the expressions of deep gratitude for your victory over death and for the promise of eternal life. Let our gifts extend that witness into the whole world. Accept these monies, our lives, and these elements we are about to receive; through Jesus, the Risen Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #310**

“Thine Is the Glory”
(vs. 1)

(Judas Maccabeus)

Celebration of Holy Communion

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Invitation**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you Almighty God. . . .

Therefore, with you people in all ages and the whole company of heaven we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

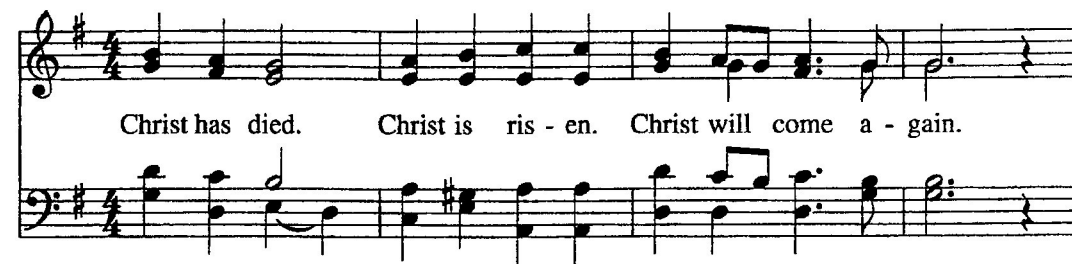
Sanctus Hymn (sung)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Consecration of Elements

Acclamation of Faith (sung)



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ’s presence and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Hymn #289**

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

(Hymn to Joy)