

April 27, 2025  
Bell Sunday (8:50 & 11 AM)

Prelude

Gathering: Celebration Ringers  
*Because He Lives*

Welcome

Celebration Ringers  
*Spires*

DSJ & Music Scholarship Presentations

Joys & Opportunities

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offertory & Call to Prayer: Celebration Ringers  
*The Prayer*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

Prayer Response Celebration Ringers  
*Amazing Grace/ My Chains are Gone*

†Prayer of Illumination

**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 rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Scripture John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So

the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn Celebration Ringers  
*Blessed Assurance*

Receiving of New Members

(Congregational Response)

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you at Christ United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Every Morning is Easter Morning from Now On*

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!  
Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!  
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!  
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Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!  
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Postlude