

March 31, 2024, Celebration Service (8:50 & 11 AM)  
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Gathering Music: Easter Ensemble *On That Great, Great Mornin'*

Sunshine Gospel Singers/ Christ Alive *He's Alive*

Welcome

Opening Hymn: Christ Arose Medley

*Christ Arose*

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Victory in Jesus*

Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,  
radiant in the brightness of our King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes forever!

**Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!**

It is truly right that we should praise you,  
Almighty, and Eternal God, and your Son, Jesus the Christ.  
For Christ has paid the debt of Adam's sin to deliver your faithful people.

**This is the morning when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.  
Day truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth,  
and we are reconciled to you!**

Christ Alive/Celebration Choir *King of Glory*

Joys

Thanksgiving Prayer

Celebration Ringers *With a Jubilant Heart*

Call to Prayer: *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

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.**

Celebration Choir *Risen Today*

†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 20:1-18**

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

Sermon *Darkness into Light*

Invitation to Christ and the Church

Invitational Hymn *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

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

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*