

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The darkness is gone!

Bright light floods into this new day of hope.

Lord, like the women at the tomb on the first Easter, we come out of our darkness and into Your marvelous light.

The clouds have parted, the sun shines, angels gather, the tomb is empty.

They thought a stone would keep the dead in their place, but a stone could not smother the truth:

Christ is alive. He lives!

Yes, the darkness of death, of lifelessness is gone!

Bright light floods the empty tomb; holy light emanates from the grave.

God's grace, God's love, God's redemption cannot be buried or kept silent.

Let this truth be set to music; let the heavenly music ring.

Easter people we must sing: Christ is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia and Amen!

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Chris Pinelo, Samantha Lohner, Sally Osborn, Neal Sterrett,
Keith Whitehead, Amy Golden, Oliver Golden, Kaitlin Guenther, Noah Huber

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade may stand for a blessing before heading upstairs for Sunday School.)

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-23

Audrey Heindl

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-8

MESSAGE

WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

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THE ANGELS & THE EMPTY TOMB

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BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

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Word Warriors women's Bible study meets weekly on **Fridays, at 10am** in room 109. Join them for conversation and community. Contact Linda Malloy for info 859-750-6574.



HELP WANTED

MINISTRY ASSISTANT



If you would like to **assist during worship** as a Greeter, Usher, Communion Steward, read Scripture or lead the Children's Blessing on Sunday mornings, please speak with Pastor John.

If you have experienced a loss at any point, you are welcome to join us for **"Good Grief" - a healthy path towards healing.** Meet in the Memorial Room from **11-12 on April 28.**



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PRELUDE Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing Wilbur Held

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HYMN #304* Easter People Raise Your Voices

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MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-23 Don Drewry

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus Christ is Risen Today Wilbur Held

DOXOLOGY*

HYMN #322 Up From the Grave He Arose

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-8

CHORAL ANTHEM Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Mark Hayes

MESSAGE **WINDOWS OF HEAVEN** Rev. John W. Bowling
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.

We surrender ourselves to you this day, Lord, meet us where we are.

If he were not risen, to whom would we go to discover a radiance of the face of God?

We would remain lost in the darkness of living and the darkness of death.

But the grave could not hold our Lord, Jesus. In him we find forgiveness, newness of life, strength and power for living.

We stand before the living God today and receive the light of His light.

For the stone has been rolled away.

The stone has been rolled away! Hallelujah! God reigns!

HYMN #310* He Lives

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Georg Philipp Telemann

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



April's *Grow Kids!* **Sunday School** theme for the month is "Rise & Shine," a five-week series on Jesus' death and resurrection. **Nursery** care is available for infants through 3years.

Children's Volunteer Team continues the fun on **Wednesday nights** as we enter the Spring season. We will blend in some acting, service, eating, games, outdoor adventure and learning about the Bible. Invite friends to "Welcome Wednesday" at 6:30 through April 26.



Youth Activities this week for 6th –12th graders:

- ◆ **NO** Youth group tonight—**The Youth Ministry needs your help to provide dinner for Sunday evening youth.** It's simple to sign up using the QR code here and provide a meal for 20-22 students. The youth ministry provides drinks, cutlery, paper plates, and the like. Food should be delivered by 5:45 to the youth room.
- ◆ **Monday** Morning Prayer—7:20am in the Youth Room (Enter by little parking lot) Contact: Amy Golden for info 859-992-9450 Join us for donuts & prayer time.
- ◆ **Wednesday** afterschool games—3-4:30pm
- ◆ **Wednesday** evening youth—6:30-7:30pm Discussion, Bible study & growth.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Christina, terminal cancer diagnosis
- Roger B—cancer treatment & surgery
- Patricia H, awaiting heart transplant
- The Yelton Family
- Deborah, metastatic breast cancer
- Mike H. and Family
- Jonathan K, 3rd battle with leukemia
- Gayla and family
- Adelyn—brain surgery
- Parents of teens
- Melissa B.—complications from hysterectomy
- Paul W.
- Amanda B.—breast cancer
- Those struggling with mental health



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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 9, 2023 11:00am

Easter Sunday



WINDOWS OF HEAVEN
11AM Worship - Easter Sunday, 2023

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Highland United Methodist Church affirms and welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ages, nations, and races. We fully include all in the life and ministry of the church as we seek to share God's love in Jesus Christ.

The Mission of Highland United Methodist Church is to transform lives by demonstrating Jesus' love and making him known through serving others.