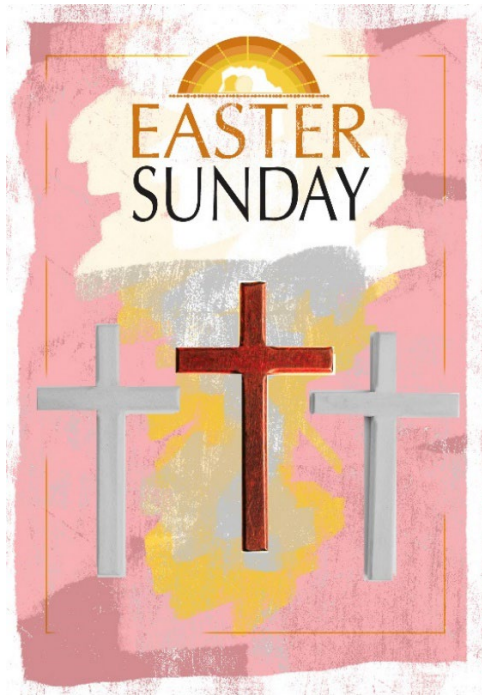


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*Welcome to Easter and the
celebration of new life!*

PRELUDE *My Heart, Ever Faithful* -Bach

Trumpet: Bob Gray, Pat Counts French Horn: Sarah Zhukonova
Trombone: Kim Trytten Tuba: Christopher Messinger
Timpani: Greg Botos

CHORAL INTROIT *Kingsfold* -Biery

WELCOME

CHORAL *Alleluia* -Hagenberg

*CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Eberle Written by Wheadon UMC

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed.

Leader: God is alive...new birth is given.

People: Hope is alive...life beyond the grave.

Leader: Joy is alive...redemption is here!

People: Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #302 UMH

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!

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!

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!

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!

Text: Charles Wesley (1739)
Music: Easter Hymn

*LITANY OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign
of Christ:

**Trembling, the women approached the tomb.
The angels rolled the stone away.
Hear them proclaim: "Don't be afraid. He is not here!
He is risen as He said."**

**The risen Christ still bore the marks of the nails.
That Easter morning the women came face to face
with Jesus. They doubted, they wondered, they
shook in fear.**

**The Risen Christ still lives among us. New life is
given. Rush from the trappings of death and shout
the good news of God's redeeming love!**

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went

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in, and he saw and believed,⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN



HYMN

He Lives

#310 UMH, refrain only

He lives (He lives), 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), He lives (He lives),
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

Words & Music: Alfred H. Ackley (1933)
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EASTER PRAYER

adapted from a writing by Abigail Carlisle-Wilke

On this Easter morn we welcome you Jesus into our lives. We witness your resurrection for it is life changing, life giving and life sustaining. We embrace the hope it brings to our world. We relish the joy it brings to our darkness. We behold the empty tomb for we know that it means you are alive among us.

Lord, may your resurrection give life to those who feel lifeless, those who are just going through the motions, and those who know the death of a loved one.

Lord, may your resurrection give hope to those who are mired in despair, who feel hopeless, and who have given up all hope.

Lord, may your resurrection give joy to those who feel no joy, lost their joy or have had their joy snuffed out.

Lord, may you be seen in this world as the risen one. As we come near the empty tomb, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught saying:

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Forevermore

-Forrest

GIVING

O Clap Your Hands

-Rutter

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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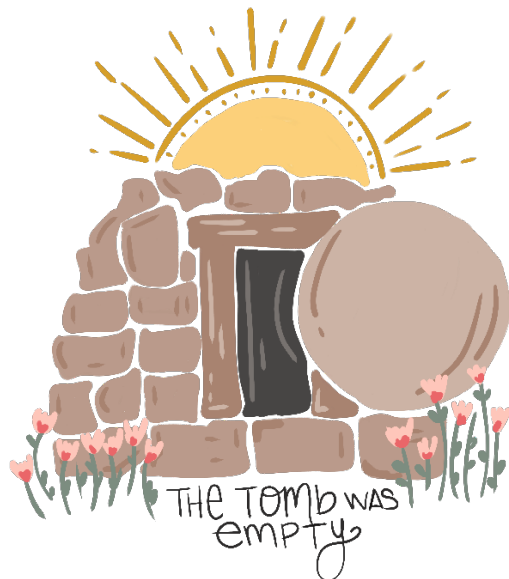
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SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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MESSAGE

I Have Seen the Lord!
Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices
#304, UMH

Easter people raise your voices
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices
Heavenly music let it ring
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Easter people let it sing

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below
For our Lord empowered us
To triumph over every foe
Alleluia. Alleluia.
On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter
With its resurrection song
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong
Alleluia. Alleluia.
See the power of heavenly throngs.

Words: William James (1979)

Music: Henry T. Smart (1867)

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BENEDICTION

based on Isaiah 43

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. Amen.

CHOIR

Hallelujah!

-Handel

*Stand as you are able

Greeters in the Atrium – Sally Scherr, Martha & Gary Steier



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



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GIVING**



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**Today at 11:15am
Meet in the Atrium**

Today, you may add fresh cut flowers to the **Living Cross** on the church lawn. Bring them from your own garden or get one there. This cross reminds us of the loving grace of God who used Christ's death on the cross to beautify our lives with forgiveness. We also remember that the cross has become a central symbol of Christian faith and hope, although it was once a tortuous instrument of execution. You might want to bring a camera for a family picture in front of this lovely and meaningful backdrop.



Easter Flowers

IN MEMORY OF...

Our Parents: Ben and Dorcas Basone and Jack and Mary Shiverdecker given by Ben and Darlene Basone
Our Parents given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez
Gil and Anne Davies, Elizabeth's Grandparents given by Pastors David and Elizabeth Brown
David's Parents, Johna and Pearl Brown given by Pastors David and Elizabeth Brown
Elizabeth's Parents, Sarah and Rev. William Maher given by Pastors David and Elizabeth Brown
Our Grandparents: Walt and Mary Clare Sweeney, Joseph and Virginia Schultz, Donald and Phyllis Boyd, Clyde and Genevieve Conn given by Chase and Molly Conn
Our Three Heavenly Babies given by Chase and Molly Conn
Parents, Brown and Alice DeWitt and Jack and Doris Wetterstroem given by Jay and Jackie DeWitt
Loved Ones given by Jay and Jackie DeWitt
Our Parents, Walter and Lillian Eberle and Charles and Dianne Benishek given by Jim and Beth Eberle
Our Parents and Grandparents given by Jim and Bobbie Farley
My Parents and Grandparents given by Elizabeth Hackman
Gary's Parents, Charlie and June Hartman given by Gary and Janice Hartman
Janice's Parents, Al and Marion Jorgensen given by Gary and Janice Hartman
Our Parents: Jerry Rose, Andy Hauck, Sue Rose, and Gerry Hauck given by Andy and Barb Hauck
Pearl A. Horton, Wife given by Dr. Robert Horton
Parents, Rev. Chester and Marjorie Imhausen given by Chester Imhausen, Jr.
Our Dear Granddaughters, Hannah Asbury Krehbiel and Penelope Claire Krehbiel given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson
Our Parents and Grandparents given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson
My Wife, Coleen Lowe given by G. Franklin Lowe, MD
Dr. Jim Lytle and Dr. Ron Zesch given by Alice Lytle
Our Parents and Grandparents given by Chip and Robin Nielsen
My Parents, Albert and Mildred Crew given by Marilyn Owen
My Mother, Rebecca Patterson given by Ginger Patterson
Nelle and Bob Quisno, Carol's Parents given by Jim and Carol Pearce
Louise and Jim Pearce, Sr., Jim's Parents given by Jim and Carol Pearce
Ralph F. Lewis, Husband given by Charlene Pfingstag Lewis
My Parents, Dr. Charles W. Simons DDS and Helen Simons given by Charlene Pfingstag Lewis

My Husband, Jim Porter given by Sue Porter
Our Parents, Barbara and Joe Eveland and Eppa Rixey III; Our Grandparents, and Jack Gottschalk given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey
Irv Scharfenberger, Husband given by Shirley Scharfenberger
Our Parents, Alexander and Evelyn Stuart and Mark and Elizabeth Hodapp given by Alan and Susan Stuart
Parents, Robert and Janice Thompson given by John and Jill O'Shea
Jordan Van Winkle Haney given by Jay and Jill Van Winkle
Ronald F. Walker given by Brenda Walker
Karl and Lois Brown, Jane Phillips Warden, Tom and Rose Topping, Ryan and Mary Barnes, and Sally LaBarbara given by Jon and Karol Warden

IN HONOR OF...

Cindy Barton given by Andrew and Andi Simon
William H. Stafford, Jr., Barbara's Uncle given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez
Ella Brown Jordan given by Jon and Karol Warden
Our Parents, Mark and Joanne Sweeney given by Chase and Molly Conn
Our Parents, Rex and Jane Conn given by Chase and Molly Conn
Our Grandchildren: Lilly, Ben, Josie, Emmie, Jake, and Maggie Eberle given by Jim and Beth Eberle
Pastor David and our Church Staff given by Chris and Jenn Hamilton
Our Family Members (including our 4-legged ones) and Our Friends given by Andy and Barb Hauck
Our Children and Grandchildren given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson
Our Children and Grandchildren given by Chip and Robin Nielsen
Our Family: Carol, Ellie and Jack Sullivan; Sarah, JP, Caroline, Molly and Townner Pharr; Quint (Eppa), Maggie and Nancy Rixey; and Nancy Gottschalk given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey
Our Growing Family given by Gary and Martha Steier
Our Family, Alexander and Lindsay Stuart, Samantha and Sidney given by Alan and Susan Stuart
Christ is Risen! Alleluia! given by Alan and Susan Stuart
Our Grandchildren, Paul, Anna, and Grace Stanek given by Andy and Julie Webster

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WOMEN'S STUDIES

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- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. New 4-week study begins 4/28. *The Rewritten Life – When God Changes Your Story* by Jessica LaGrone uses the characters in the Bible to show us how God rewrites your story. God is a masterful editor. When our stories need a rewrite, God is there with a new page and a new start. Led by Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:30pm** at Panera in Mariemont. New 6-week study begins 5/12. *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N.T. Wright brings you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world, and its impact on your life today. Gain an exciting new vision for your life on earth in light of your future in heaven. Your life here and now is of tremendous consequence, and what you believe about the future has a direct impact on how you live in the present. Dive deeper into the profound hope of Jesus with this study guide from our 2024 Lent sermon series and open your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Contact Victoria Rhodus to obtain the study guide and video access.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland. As we are finishing up a long study, this is a great time to join this group to make new friendships, support and be supported, and celebrate the joys in our lives. This spring we will do some group volunteering and meeting Tuesday mornings either at Julie's, or at a coffee shop in the area to continue our support, celebrations, and having fun. Connect with Julie at 513-377-6600.
- **Thursday at 6:30am** in the Armstrong Room. Studying William Barclay's *Gospel of Mark*. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup.



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MEN'S STUDIES

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- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture led by Pastor David Brown. Currently in the book of Exodus. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Led by Gordon Miller. Arrive at 6:30 if you plan to eat. As a follow-up to SuperCharge, we are currently working through the study guide for the movie *The Hill*.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Led by Bill Woodward.
- **Armstrong Men "Nooners":** Wednesdays (4/30, 5/14, 5/28, 6/11, 6/25) at noon for lunch at Ferrari's in Madeira. Discussion on the life application questions from the *Upper Room* devotional. Led by Bryan Holland.



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REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

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