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CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, MAY 4 10:30A SANCTUARY ONE SERVICE

Cleaning Kits for Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is there to help. Floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes leave behind devastation, and one of the first steps toward recovery is cleanup. Cleaning kits provide those affected with essential supplies to begin the overwhelming task of restoring their homes and lives. These supplies must constantly be replenished, and we need your help to restock them. Donate by purchasing items and having them delivered directly to the church!







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"Greetings go and tell my brothers"

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JESUS' FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS

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Connecting People to Christ — Since 1882 —

April 20, 2025

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Welcome to Easter Sunday! This is one of the most exciting days of the year. This is the day we celebrate the culmination of Jesus' mission to make possible a fully purposed LIFE for all people who choose to accept His gift. Today's service times and worship spaces are a little different than our normal times. If you are a visitor, please note that our regular Sunday services are at the following times and spaces:

> 8:15am Traditional Communion Service Chapel 10:20am Traditional Worship Chapel 10:30am Contemporary Worship Sanctuary

At the beginning of the service, you will be passed an attendance pad. Please share your information and give us a way to contact you. If you are a visitor, we are so glad you are worshiping with us today. We hope you will come again and learn how you can connect with our church family.

My prayer for you today is that you encounter Jesus Christ in a way that moves you to a deeper relationship with Him. Amazing things happen in our lives the more connected to Jesus we become. That is our mission at Central United Methodist Church - Connect People to Christ. Our prayer is that through that connection you will Discover you matter to God, Lean into a personal relationship and Live the life God has created for you to live.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. May God touch your life and may you walk away today knowing you have been in the presence of God.

God bless you this Easter Sunday!



Rev. Dawn Spragg Senior Associate Pastor of Worship

Senior Pastor

Rev. Kerry Turnbow Pastor of Congregational Care

WORSHIP

11:00 TRADITIONAL

Prelude: Jesus Shall Reign (Gail Leven Pollock) Welcome *Processional Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today (UMH 302) *The Collect *Passing the Peace *The Psalter: Psalm 118 (UMH 839) *Apostles' Creed (UMH 881) *Gloria Patri (UMH 70) **Pastoral Prayer** The Lord's Praver Choral Anthem: Gloria! from "Trinity" (Marianne Forman) Offertory: Lift High the Cross (Carolyn Hamlin) *Doxology (UMH 95) Children's Moment Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV Message - Rev. Rob Holifield *Hymn of Thanksgiving: Crown Him With Many Crowns (UMH 327) *Benediction Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No.5 (Charles-Marie Widor)

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. 2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. 5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. 7 And now, go guickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. 9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

PRAYER

Lord our God.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we worship You as our God and King. You are the Light and the Life, and in You, the death and loss in our lives finds hope, meaning, and transformation in Your victory. Please give us courage, strength, hope, and trust. Make us into Your kingdom people in these days. Thank you for Your sacrifice of love. We trust You, O God. In Jesus' name I pray,





Last Sunday of the Month 5:00p - Chapel Child Care Provided