

**WELCOME** to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Welcome Centers located at our two main entrances, or at the Visitor Center in Fellowship Hall.

**Easter Egg Hunt!** All kids, get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt in Classroom 1 after both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Easter services today. Kids in the nursery will have their Egg Hunt during the Worship services.

**Grief Support Workshop:** A new Grief Support Workshop is being offered, May 3rd through May 31. There are five classes, meeting on consecutive Wednesdays, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. The Workshop is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please enroll through the church office, 625-5023. Facilitators will be Rev. Phillips and Jeannie North, BSN, MC.

**Prayer Ministry:** The Prayer Ministry group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends and the needs of the world. Anyone who feels a call to pray with us is welcome to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Cardio Drumming** continues on Tuesday, April 18th at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This class will work on stress, cardio, and may just improve your balance. Come and join our Parish Nurse for fun and exercise!

**Mission Quilts** will meet on Monday, April 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own snack when staying the entire time. If you are interested and have questions, call Patti Bright at 305-3275.

**Flowers:** If you would like to reserve flowers (one or both arrangements) in your name for any future Service of Worship, please call the church office (625-5023), or sign up at our Information Table on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$34 for each arrangement.



**Thank you to our volunteers!**

**Coffee Fellowship**

Peggy Babcock, Lillian Brauner,  
Donna Dufor, Margaret Moore,  
Betty Yoder

**Medical Team**

Marvin Clark

**Owl Express**

8:30 - Bob & Hazel Kern  
10:30 - Bob Krantz, Mike Peake

**La Posada Service of Worship**

Rev. Christopher,  
Sonya Larsen

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

Crystal West

**Easter Lilies given by:** See Insert



**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these  
Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**

James Clarke  
Muriel Lachman

April 1  
March 13



**Women's Ministries:** We are preparing our penultimate Gathering on April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Julia and Lois Circles are hosting. Our speaker is Bob Henslinga from Aviva Children's Services. Bob will be sharing how they serve children and families, and ways we can get involved. For our Presby Gift, we will be collecting gently used children's clothing, and *new* underwear and socks, sizes 2—14, for boys & girls. At 1:00 p.m., we will have the Yada Yada Prayer Group book review on Book 6, The Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Rolling. Reservations for the luncheon can be made at the Women's Ministries table in Charter Hall today.



Each Wednesday evening at **5 p.m.**, **The Source** offers a unique experience of worship in the Spiritual Life Center.

*Enter the church using the door by the fountain.*

**Wednesday, April 19th—Healing & Hope**

A supportive service, with hymns of hope and encouragement, Scripture, a short message, healing prayers and anointing of oil for those who choose it.



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REV. PAUL PHILLIPS, *Pastor of Care*  
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*  
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



**To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.**

**8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**April 16, 2017**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Living God, we praise you—for the day that you have made;  
for the life that you have given;  
for the church that you have called.

Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim the message; let your church sing out the news—that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen from the dead. Amen.

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Phillips

*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**PRELUDE**

*Were You There/Crown Him with Many Crowns*

M. Ham

Sharane English - piano

**RINGING OF BELL**

**PROCESSION OF THE CHOIR**

**INTROIT 104 v.1**

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Hymn to Joy

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

✦ **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

Rev. Medina

✦ **HYMN 113**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

Llanfair

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Ways

*L: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.*

**P: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power in all the places of our lives!**

*L: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.*

**P: This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life in all the places of our lives!**

*L: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving vibrant Spirit.*

**P: Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of Resurrection for the rest of our lives!**

*L: We join our hearts in song and sing "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" for Christ is living and so are we!*

**All: Alleluia indeed! Christ is risen!**

✦ **HYMN 119 vs. 1-2**

*The Strife Is O'er*

Victory

✦ **Please stand in body or in spirit**

## ✦ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

God of salvation, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb is empty. Nothing can defeat your love for humankind. The night is passed and with dawn comes new creation; Christ is risen to bring us new life. We herald with gladness your anointment of Jesus and rejoice in your promised redemption from sin. Hear our shouts of glad adoration as we enter the courtyard of your redeeming grace. In the name of the risen Lord, we lift up our heart and minds to you O Loving God. Amen.

## REFLECTIONS

8:30 & 10:30a.m. – Rev. Phillips

*Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”*

John 20:15

10:30 a.m. - Rev. Christopher

*“Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”*

Psalms 30:5b

**ANTHEM** *Thine Is the Glory* Handel/McDonald  
Sanctuary Choir

### Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hath won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

### (Refrain)

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.

### (Refrain)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above!

### (Refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!

## YOUTH CHAT

*Immediately following the message, youth in grades 1-6  
will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:39-43 (Pew Bible p. 1710)

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 1685.)

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Jesus: Death to New Life” Rev. Medina

✦ HYMN 118 *The Day of Resurrection!* Lancashire

## EASTER PRAYER/THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven’t already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!* Jay Althouse  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY 592 Old One Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ HYMN 111 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Gelobt Sei Gott

✦ BENEDICTION Worship Ways

*L: Do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this  
church building.*

**P: We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the  
streets, in all the pathways and byways of our lives.**

*L: Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –*

**P: We know that Resurrection makes all things new!**

*L: Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit,  
but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:*

**P: Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!**

*L: Christ is Risen Indeed!*

**All: Alleluia and amen!**

*Please greet one another as the Pastors and Choir exit the Sanctuary*

✦ POSTLUDE *Toccata* Daniel Gawthrop

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

## Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon: “Jesus: Death to New Life”

Scriptures:

**Acts 10:39-43**

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.