

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Taking the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Up From The Grave He Arose*

Verse 1

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Receiving New Members

*The Benediction

*Sending the Light The Acolyte

*The Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*The Postlude *Thine Is the Glory* Doug Parker
-Handel/arr. Hayes and Gaspard

Offering plates are posted at each entrance for your gifts.

Beginning today, the time of worship service will change to 10:00am. On Sunday, April 11 we will meet in the CAC at 10am.

KID Central Families will sit together in service and after service the children will receive a special treat. The nursery is available during service today.

Today's Greeters and Ushers:

Keith Bradley
Terry Edwards
Joe Patterson
Mary Lou & Jim Ware

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

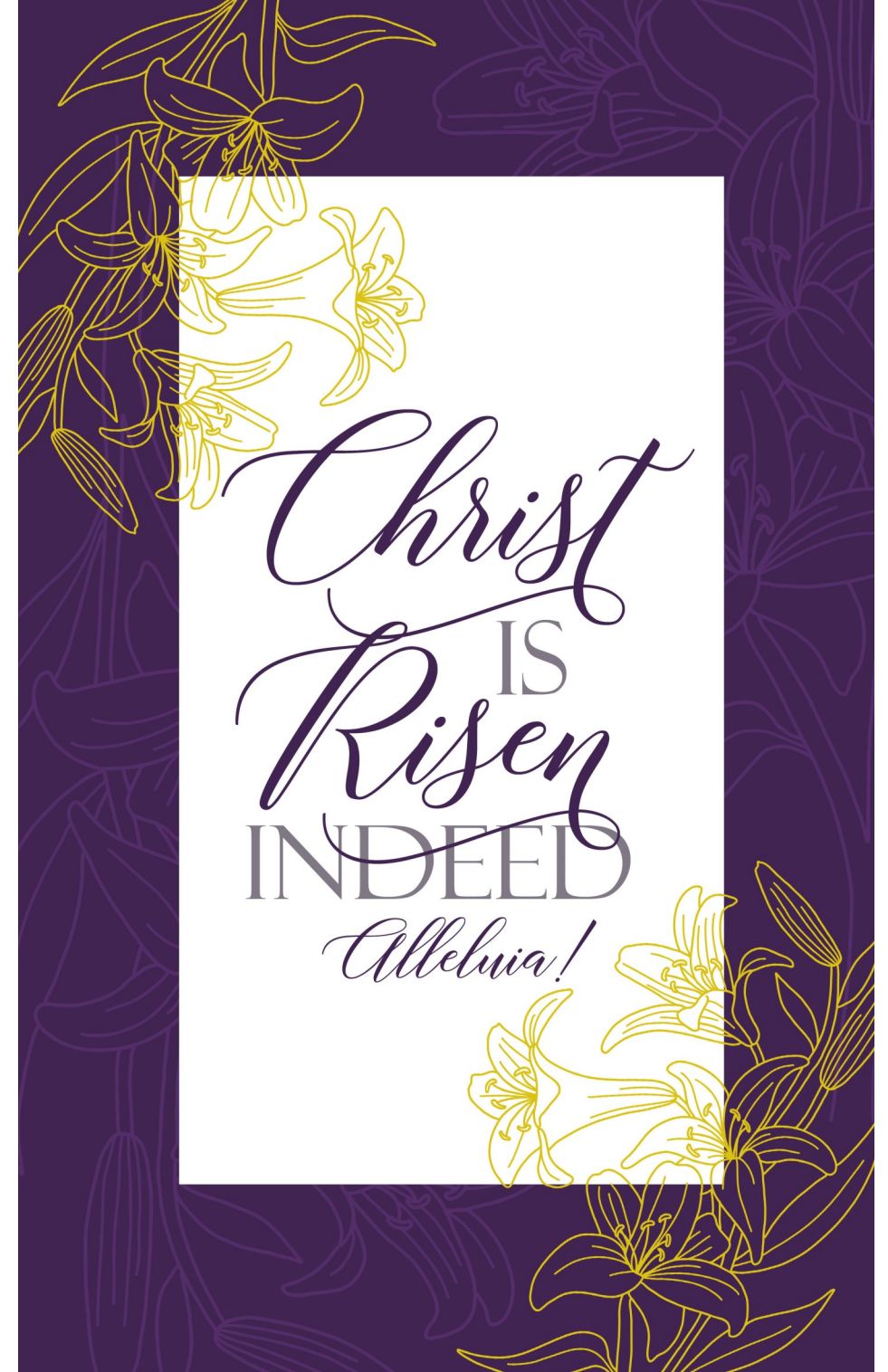
Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army (Deployed); LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Sklyer Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19; Mary Denton 2.11.21; Kimberly Spangler 2.11.21; Wally & Leigh Davis 3.19.21.



April 4, 2021 | 10:00 am
Welcome to our Easter Worship Celebration

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Central
United Methodist Church

**A Service of Christian Worship
Easter, April 4, 2021**

Gathering

The Prelude *Fanfare Triumphant - Penfield* Doug Parker

Leader: He is Risen

Congregation: He is Risen Indeed

Leader: Christ is Risen, The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's strong hand is victorious!"

Congregation: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone! This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

Congregation: Christ is risen, He is Risen Indeed, Praise the Lord

Relighting the Christ Candle Brian Brooks

***Processional Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen (Verses 1-4)

Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

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!

Verse 4

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!

***The Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while
we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God.

Anthem

The Chancel Choir

Before the Throne of God Above— Dan Forrest

The Morning Prayer

The Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-9

20 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' 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 in, and he
saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the
scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Sermon *Is Resurrection Real?* Pastor Bruce Gwyn

The Great Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer Unison

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery
to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he
gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples,
and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant, poured out for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these,
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,