



But now Christ has been raised from the
dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20

First United Methodist Church
11:00 AM Service of Worship
April 21, 2019
EASTER

GATHERING

Before the Service Begins

Please write your praises or prayer concerns and either give them to the ushers or bring them to Pastor Mike during the Passing of the Peace. Prayer request slips are available in the Registration Pads in each pew and on the table in front of the Church Office.

GREETING

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS. Rev. Mike Brown

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.
Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

PRELUDE/CALL TO WORSHIP "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" J. Holstein & J. Raney Chancel Choir
***CALL TO WORSHIP.** Rev. Brown and Congregation

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
God's desire for life to abound in us has conquered death.
We are now raised with Christ to life eternal. Alleluia!

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*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 302, (sts. 1-4, 6).** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
PROCESSION OF THE CROSS. Bolton Yarbrough, Crucifer
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES. Goldie Gossett and Ruth Yarbrough, Acolytes

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Nicene Creed" UMH 880
***GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SHARING PRAISES AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER "Lead Me, Lord". Samuel S. Wesley Chancel Choir
THE MORNING PRAYER. Rev. Brown

Righteous and ever-living God, on this day your Son shattered the power of death, bringing life and immortality to light. On this day of all days in human history, help us not to miss the power of its significance. Give us Easter's holy power adequately to praise You and to rejoice in the new life that is ours. Intensify our joy in the resurrection that turned night into light and mourning into laughter. May our lives that often seem so dull and drab be made new, even as we go about our daily tasks. Open our eyes to the new possibilities of a world made fresh with praise. Give us the power of the resurrection, which broke the reign of death, to shatter every ancient tyranny that entombs Your children: the intrigues of war, the subtlety of vested interests, racist pride, and ambitious self-seeking; and to break the enslaving shackles of debilitating doubts, secret lusts, persistent sins, wavering self-respect, diminishing integrity, and ever-deepening bitterness.

Give us, we pray, the victory of Easter that turned a cross into a resurrection and made the symbol of shame into the sign of victory, to gain triumph from our worst defeats, to turn darkness to day, to make temptations into redemptive opportunities, to transform tragedy into faith, freshly made-graves into hope, and all bitterness into love.

Lord of life, hear us as we lift to You our hopes and prayers for the Church and the world. Let Your grace empower us as people of faith to better serve You in the common places of our lives and in the people we meet on our faith journeys. Open our eyes to the living Christ as we pray for and work with the poor, the broken-hearted, the sick, and the bereaved. Hear our prayers for those who are close to our hearts. In Your resurrecting power, lift them up and give them renewed strength and hope; and give to us all new faith by which to live our days with You. Then will our lives be living witnesses to Your resurrection, made whole by Your love and care.

Give us the peace of the resurrection that calmed the terrorized hearts of Your children, and as we wait upon You, speak calm to our souls. Because Christ lives, we, too, shall live, and so we rejoice. Until that day dawns, grant us brave hearts and constant spirits, as we lift our hearts to You in praise and thanksgiving, through Christ our Lord, praying as He taught us...

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 322.....“Up from the Grave He Arose”

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Brown

OFFERTORY.....“In Christ Alone”.....Youth Choir

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95.....“The Doxology”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT..... Ida Cooksey
(Children, Kindergarten and younger, are invited to leave the Sanctuary for age-appropriate learning activities.)

ANTHEM.....“How Great Thou Art”..... arr. by J. Rouse & C. Kirkland..... Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE..... 1 Corinthians 15:19-26..... Rev. Mike Brown
(Pew Bible NT p. 176)

SERMON.....“The Last Enemy Destroyed”..... Rev. Mike Brown

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 304.....“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION.....Rev. Brown

*RESPONSE.....“Amen” from “Alleluia! Christ Is Risen”..... J. Holstein & J. Raney.....Chancel Choir

CLOSING VOLUNTARY.....“The Strife is O'er”..... setting, Janet Linker

*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

Bulletin Baskets: are found at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.

Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy - “No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time.” Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with them.

Members Who Minister

Ushers for April 2019: Paxton Poitevint, Connor Poitevint, Jack Zilis, Ansley Yarbrough

Greeters for April 21, 2019: 11:00 AM Dottie Brown

Crucifer for Traditional Worship on April 21, 2019: Bolton Yarbrough

Acolytes for Traditional Worship on April 21, 2019: Goldie Gossett, Ruth Yarbrough

Calendar for April 21, 2019

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - Easter

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
9:30 AM-----Church Staff Meeting, Simmons Parlor
5:15 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Adult Sunday School Building

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

11:00 AM-----Agape UMW Circle Meeting, Simmons Parlor
3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room
*6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
*6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement
*6:40 PM-----Esther Bible Study, Esther Bible Study Room
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, April 25, 2019

10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library

Saturday, April 27, 2019

10:00 AM-----Witnessing Through the Storm, Cordele FUMC

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Did You Know?

For those of you who have had trouble hearing Pastor Mike's sermons (especially recently) or who have missed worship, those sermons are available on our church website, www.bainbridgefirstumc.org.

District Conference

The Southwest District Conference will be held Sunday, April 28, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Albany. If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Mike, as the district has requested he report how many are coming.

2019 Graduation

The following students are our known graduates in the Class of 2019: Mallie Kate Andrews, Sean Casterline, Randy Fillingame, Parker Miller, Abigail Mills, Collin Morrison. If there are any other high school seniors you know of, please notify the Church Office.

Our Graduate Recognition service will be Sunday, May 19, during our 11:00 AM Unity Worship Service. Our graduates will be leading all parts of the service. The United Methodist Men invite the graduates and their families to a breakfast honoring their accomplishments on May 19 at 8:30 am in the JO Smith Building. Please RSVP to the Church Office.

This year, as in the past, we will create a PowerPoint presentation to honor our Seniors. Seniors and Senior parents, please bring the following to the Church Office: One (1) baby photo, one (1) elementary school photo, one (1) middle school photo, and one (1) Senior photo. If you have any group photos of your Senior with any other FUMC Seniors, please include those as well. Please turn these in by May 12. All photos will be returned to you.