

Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019 10:00am

(***indicates to stand if able)

MORNING MEDITATION *(Please enter in silent prayer)*

Jesus said to Mary Madeline, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father.

Go instead to my brothers and sisters and tell them, I am returning to my God and your God."

John 20:17

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WORDS OF WELCOME

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

People: God has become my salvation!

Leader: It is better to trust in the Lord,

People: Rather than trust in rulers.

Leader: The stone, the builders rejected has become the capstone

People: The Lord had done this: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

****HYMN "Christ the Lord has Risen"**

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INVOCATION

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Leader: O merciful and awesome God, as we are stunned by the resurrection of Jesus. Send us your Holy Spirit to tear away the bars that imprison us through sin, evil and death. Give us confidence and assurance that your teaching may create in us an understanding of your victory over death.

People: We come to church to celebrate life beyond ourselves. For, it is through your promise, O Lord, that we too are loved by your grace; that the sacrifice of your Son awakens us all to eternal life. Fill us with gratitude and energy to share the good news with all whom we encounter.

Leader: Touch us O Holy One, this Easter morning with new hope. Give us glimpses of peace and signs of healing in your beautiful and dangerous world.

People: Open our hearts so that we can see beyond ourselves and our needs. Let us share each day in the love that God has provided for us. I believe in God who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. I believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, and who gave his life so that we would have a place at the table. I believe in the Holy Spirit who gathers us into community, opens us to be kind and

tender, and lives within us. Yes, we are Easter people,; challenging despair with hope and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh difficulties. Amen! **People: Thanks be to God**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE CHILDREN and PUPPETS**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23 pg. 754
(red hymnal)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Rev. David F. Hurst

*****Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25
(Chair Bible OT pg.696)

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*****HYMN "Hail the Day!"**

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Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-24
(Chair Bible NT pg. 90)

SERMON "A Spike in the Force!"

Rev. David F. Hurst

Ministry of Giving:

CUMC Choir

Joe DeGrande on guitar

"Come, With Us Our Lord Arise"

Doxology:

"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!

*****HYMN "He Lives"**

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BENEDICTION

ALL: May Alleluias echo in our ears.

May forgiveness lodge in our hearts.

May the Holy Spirit guide our path.

And may God bless our coming and going.

AMEN!

POSTLUDE

Flowers this morning are given by many in honor and memory of loved ones!

Attendance for Palm Sunday, April 21st - 26 Adults, 1 child

Activities week of April 21st

Sunday, April 21st: EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10am
Fellowship Time following the service.
Tuesday, April 23rd - Bridge Club 5:30-10pm
Wednesday, April 24th - Church Office Open 9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday, April 24th - Mutual Ministry Team Meeting 10am
Wednesday, April 24th - Bridge Club 12:30-5pm
Wednesday, April 24th - Mini Concert (Fellowship Hall 7:15pm
"Heart of the Valley Chorus"

Activities week of April 28th

Sunday, April 28th - Worship Service 10am
May 1st - Church Office open 9am - 1:30pm
No other activities scheduled

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUMC Educational Scholarship Applications due by Sunday, April 28th for any CUMC 2019 High School Graduates or members continuing their education may be found on the 'Table of Opportunity'

Rev. David will be on vacation beginning Monday, April 29th and returning on Wednesday, May 1st.

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