

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, April 1 - Happy Easter! He is Risen!

8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	No Wesleyan Choir or Youth Groups today	

Wednesday, April 4

8:15 am	Youth leave for Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, NY	
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11, 12

Saturday, April 7

7:30 am to 12:30 pm	Blood Drive	Dining Room
9:00 am	Worship Team decorating sanctuary for Native American Awareness Sunday	

Those Serving in Worship Today:

8:30	11:00
Acolyte: Carson Camp	Ben Vincens
Reader: Tammy Nist	Dick Cook
Organist: Dan Rosenau	Dan Rosenau
Music: Chancel Choir	Chance Choir
Greeters: Lorie Woughter	Chickie Chittenden & Doris Brearley
Usher Team: Tom Cole	John Goodell
Welcomers: Linda Cage & Betty Williams	Ruth Mitchell

Welcome to all our visitors today! Welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete an information card and return it in the offering plate. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.

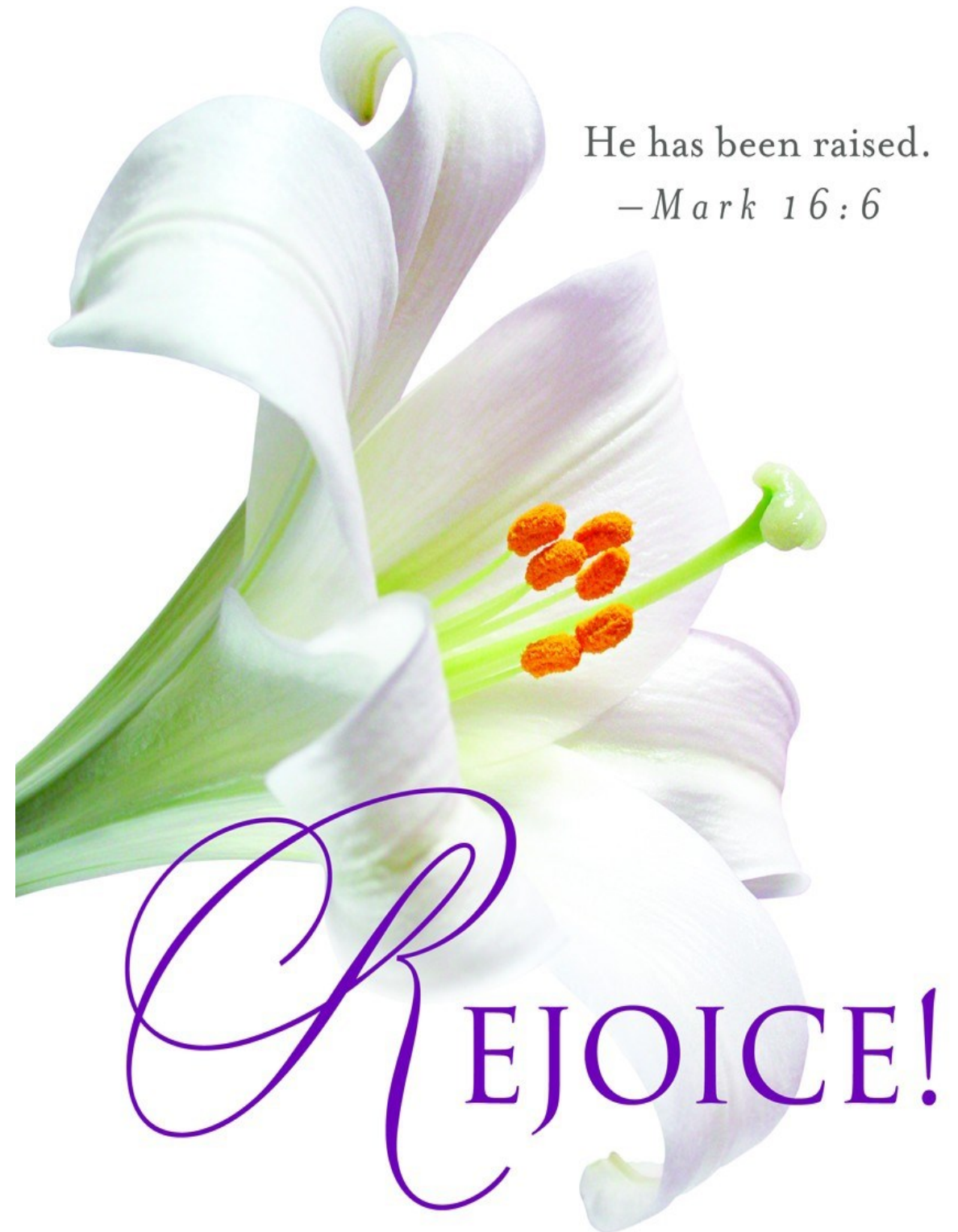


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* Indicates to stand if you are able

Pre-service Music - A time of preparation for worship

As you arrive today, please come forward and place flowers on our Resurrection Cross.

There will also be an opportunity to do this during the last hymn.

Announcements and Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads to those near you.)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prelude

I Danced in the Morning

ARR RICHARD PROULX

Bringing in the Light

* Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to God's new day!

People: Everywhere we look, there are signs of new life!

Leader: In seeds and buds, in smiles and encouragement, we discover God's renewing presence.

People: Death can never be the last word.

Leader: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.

All: Praise God for new life, new hope, and for the peace of God that engulfs us as we come to recognize the living Christ!

* **302 Hymn of Praise** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* [verses 1-4]

EASTER HYMN

* **Passing of the Peace**

Silence

Gathering Prayer

Lord God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at the table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your cruel death on a cross. Yet now you have come to us in victory. By this we know that death is defeated, and all separations from you can be ended. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

The Lord's Prayer (895 in the red hymnal)

Anthem

Risen in Glory

C LEE/D WAGNER

Prayer for Illumination

In the spirit of your resurrection, make us new and open to your word. Help us to be aware of your calming presence and guidance. Enable us to hear your call in each moment, and to respond with in courage and faith. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

New Testament Reading

John 20: 1-10

Pew Bible NT p. 109

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Nursery is available during the entire hour for children age 0-3 in room 21 of the church.

Children age 3-5 may leave after the Children's Message for a 3-K nursery in room 22.

* **322 Hymn**

Up From the Grave He Arose

CHRIST AROSE

Gospel Reading

John 20:11-18

Pew Bible NT p. 109

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

When We Most Expect It

Mike Willis

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory

The Strife Is O'er

GORDON YOUNG

* 94 Doxology

* Presentation of Gifts

* **303 Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

Please come forward at this time and place flowers on our Resurrection Cross.

* **Benediction**

* **God's Light Goes Forth**

* **2088 FWS Congregational Response** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

LIFT YOUR NAME

* **Postlude**

Fugue in D Major

JS BACH