

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

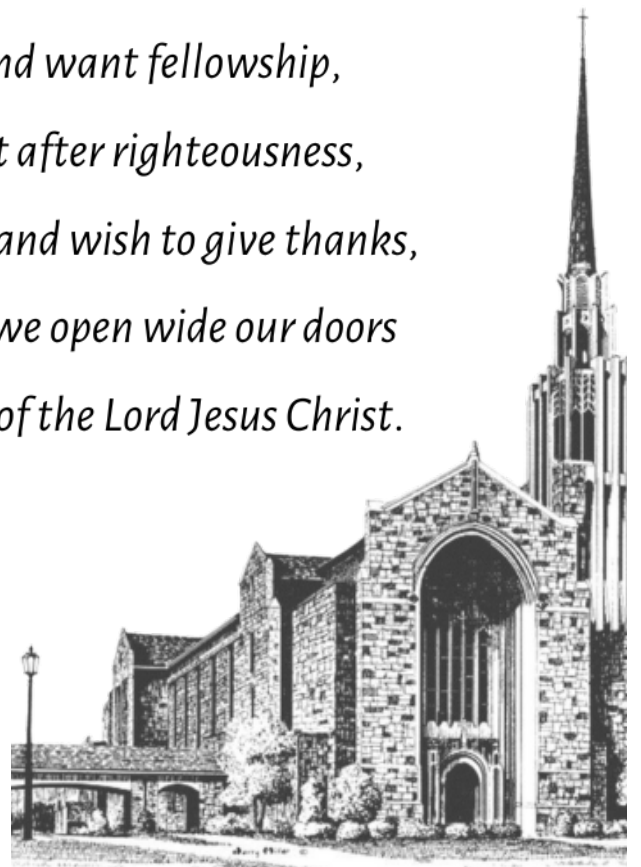
WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come -- *we open wide our doors*
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

APRIL 20TH, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00



Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

Chorus: Since by man came death

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Aria: The trumpet shall sound

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be chang'd.

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

† EASTER ACCLAMATION AND OPENING PRAYER

Congregation reads bold print

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 251

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Earth in heav'n in chorus say,
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns,
and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*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!*

*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
vict'ry, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*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!*

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

CARING CARDS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

RECENT SURGERY:

Alton Arnold

RECENT

HOSPITALIZATION:

Bill Garner

Faith Key & Joel Key

ABOUT
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For quick
information about
Children's Church,
please scan me!



GIVING

Offering plates will be
passed down each row
during the service. To
give online use your
camera on your phone
to scan the QR code
to the right or text
the word DETAILS to
94000 to give online.



*Hail the Lord of earth in heav'n, Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be
giv'n, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the
Resurrection, Thou, Alleluia!*

*King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to
love, Alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the
power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt
and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the
poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf
to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we
despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of
mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make
us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus
Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Aria: If God be for us

*If God be for us who can be against us? Who shall lay any thing to the
charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that
condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is
at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.*

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Aria: I know that my Redeemer liveth

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day
upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall
I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them
that sleep.*

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN NO. 342

In the Garden

GARDEN

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: *And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.
Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me is falling, but He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.
Refrain

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 1-18 (Pg.906)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Watch Mary"

Dr. Jeff Patterson

Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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.

**JOIN US IN
WELCOMING OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Cheryl Owczarczak

Greg Owczarczak

Luanne Varn

Wright Varn

Nieca Sherrard

Jim Sherrard

Shari Hunt

Tom Neil

Dennis Caudle

Ann Marie Dew

David Dew

Frank Webster

Sheila Siler

Ivan Siler

John Tripp

Amy Tucker

Andrew Tucker

Carolyn Tucker

Jerry Tucker

Patti Morgan

Bill Morgan

Carolyn Hudson

Jerry Hudson

Donna Richardson

Bill Richardson

Altman Anderson

Richard Anderson

*universal

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN No. 258

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

HYMN TO JOY

Sing with all the saints in glory; sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease. In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holy hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits; ev'ry humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead! Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heav'n, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages- all await the glory giv'n.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know with Thee, O God Immortal, Jesus Christ whom Thou has seen!

† BENEDICTION

† Chorus: Hallelujah

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever: King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on Thine Be the Glory

Alexandre Guilmant

† Those who are able please stand.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON THE LAWN FOR
REFRESHMENTS AND PHOTOS!**

SERVICE NOTES: Texts of the Call to Worship, Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, 2019, Anglican Liturgy Press, The Book of Common Worship (1993), of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and The United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House. Music: OneLicense.net A721606.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Chancel Choir

Ms. Callie Iliff, mezzo-soprano

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

Mr. Gregorio Midero, violin

Mr. Julian Smart, violin

Mr. Laurence Brooke, viola

Ms. Grace Anderson, cello

Mr. Ryan Bell, bass

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Mr. Chris Ward, organist

Mr. Warren Lackey, usher

Mr. Jobie Redmond, usher

Mr. J.J. Smith, usher

Mr. Bruce von der Lippe, usher

Mr. Kevin von der Lippe, usher

Mr. Wayne Woodell, usher

Mr. James Robbins, acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, acolyte

Mr. Colton Maines, crucifer

Mr. Hudson Kuennen, Bible