

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

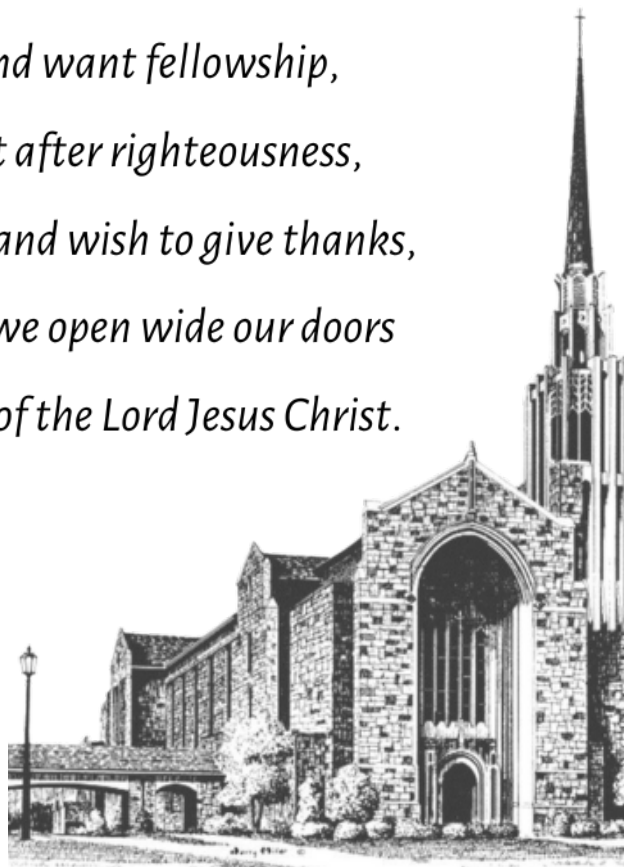
WELCOME

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 CHAPEL 8:30



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

Violin Partita No. 2 in D minor: Allemande

J. S. Bach

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!*

*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!*

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.

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.



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

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

SOLO

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation stand amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion—joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus, "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, ev'ry one!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Thine Be the Glory

G. F. Handel

† 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

† 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.

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

**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

† 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

† POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

G. F. Handel, arr. Holmes

† Those who are able please stand.

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

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

Ms. Deanna Miller, violin

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

Ms. Mora Wolff, organist

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