

ARISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

9:00 A.M. APRIL 20
TRADITIONAL EASTER
SERVICE WITH INVITED
MUSICIANS AND CHOIR
CANTATA

Easter
SUNDAY

Epworth



April 20, 2025

9:00 am Service

Nursery/Preschool Sunday School is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors. Children Sunday school is held in the Children's Ministry Room which is located to the right of the pulpit.

Let Us Prepare for Worship

Welcome

Introit

Christ Has Risen

John Bell, William Moore and Shirley McRae
Chamber Orchestra

Call to Worship

(L- Leader | C-Congregation)

L: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

C: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

L: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

C: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

L: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH #327

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-20

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week,

when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.]]

[[⁹Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

¹²After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

¹⁴Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table, and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes, and if

they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.]]

Hymn of Preparation

Because He Lives- UMH #364

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

Hymn of Response

Alleluia, Alleluia- UMH #162

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Receive the Offering

Offering Song

Alleluia, Alleluia- UMH #162

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.(Refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Presentation of the Offering with Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Alleluia Tree

By Mark Hayes and Susan Boersma

Epworth Chancel Choir

Sopranos: Leah Bernstein, Vicki Thomas, Patrice Upshaw Whiting

Altos: Sarah Bazen, Cindy Dalton, Fawn Rooke

Tenors: Steven J. Boretos, Sam Quarcoo

Bass: Dave VanderHart

Chamber Orchestra Members

James Bazen, Music Director

Dr. Eric Pazdziora, piano

Anneke Scace, flute

Steve Churchill, oboe

James Bensinger, clarinet
Adam Watson, French horn
Nancy Switkes, bassoon
Francis Thompson, percussion

Prelude
Ride On!
I AM
Sing an Alleluia
The Alleluia Tree
Rejoice! My Redeemer Lives!

Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements

Closing Hymn with Flowered Cross

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today- UMH 302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, 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 victory, 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 and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, 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 power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Benediction and Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Amen


Epworth Chancel Choir

Interested in supporting a graduating Youth?

Help us congratulate our Graduates by filling a gift basket! Once you sign up, you will be contacted with more information so you can personalize the basket for your selected graduate. Graduates are filling out a list of their favorite inexpensive things. Donors should expect to spend around \$50-\$75. Please sign up by May 4, 2025 on the website. Completed items are due back by May 11th and we will give them to our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 18.

Calendar

- Friday April 25: **GGYM Friday Night at Goshen UMC** 6:30pm
- Saturday April 26:
 - **Young Adult Fun Event – contact Julie Malone**
 - **Critical Race Theory Convo 1pm (BWC Mission Center)**
 - **Women in Unity Event 6-8pm Epworth UMC**
- Sunday April 27: **2nd Sunday in Easter** Season 9:00 10:30 and 12:30 services
- Saturday May 3: 1st of 4 **Marriage Classes** – Contact Dawn and Jon DiCandilo dawndicandilo@yahoo.com
- Sunday May 4: **Single Service 10am EPK Sunday** and Launch of **EPK ART SHOW**
- Sunday May 18: **Graduating Senior and Scholarship Sunday** 9:00 10:30 and 12:30
- Sunday June 8 10am **Confirmation and Pentecost** 10am Service



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Mark your calendar for Women in Unity, a fun women's event, on Saturday, April 26, from 6-8 pm. Everything is provided, just request your presence. A light meal, activities, a craft, and an opportunity to make new friends. We will meet at the Lounge. For more details, contact Judy at 443-878-3376.

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Epworth Vision: To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.

I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives
Luke 5:32



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