

EASTER

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April 21, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*INTROIT *Hosanna! Chimes*
Lynne Hollander

Handbell Choir
Jane Wester, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

*HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

#232

EASTER PRAYER

One: This is a day of joy and new beginnings. Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, once more we witness a new beginning made possible by your powerful love. The women who first approached Jesus' tomb were frightened and dismayed. They could not believe in the

extraordinary. For them, the empty grave signified only more loss. Forgive our unbelief, even as you forgave theirs. Forgive our inability to see the extraordinary new beginnings you offer us. Free us to rejoice more fully in your creative goodness. Free us to witness more freely to the new beginnings you have wrought in our lives. Free us to live more passionately the life you offer us.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Brothers and sisters, we are called to live with joy and confidence. God has already declared victory over sin and death. God forgives us and offers us new life, both here and in eternity. Rejoice!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*You are invited to bless those near you with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

*RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(#591, refrain only)

RESPONDING READING

Psalm 118:14-24

One: The Lord is my strength and my might,

All: The Lord has become my salvation.

One: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

All: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

One: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not hand me over to death.

One: Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord's doing;

All: It is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made:

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM *Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee* Handbell Choir
Howard F. Starks Jane Wester, Director

Prayer cards may be sent to the front with youth and children who come forward.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Christy Willmore

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathy Nelson
Reading from the Prophets *Isaiah 65:17-25*
Gospel Reading *Luke 24:1-12*

ANTHEM *He Lives!* Chancel Choir
Alfred Ackley Jane Wester, Director

SERMON *Changing Expectations* Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN** *The Day of Resurrection!* #233

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us say what we believe:

**All: We believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Giver of all life;**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we know God's
grace and glory;**

**We believe in God's Spirit, by whom God dwells in
each being;**

**We believe in the oneness of God, made manifest in all
things good.**

**We acknowledge the law of God written in the
majesty of the sun and stars;**

**We acknowledge the truth of God by which we are set
free from all bondage;**

**We acknowledge the love of God by which we are
redeemed and made whole;**

**We acknowledge the community of all saints who
learned of Christ and followed in his way,**

**With them we lift our hearts to God in thankfulness
and eternal praise.**

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures, here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. *Amen.* (#606)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray together.

**All: God of ceaseless new beginnings, we rejoice in
your power. Free us to trust that you are
always waiting to meet us in the places of our
daily living. Strengthen our commitment to
use our resources to give others opportunities
to begin life anew. Let us not grow weary of
making space in our world for your amazing
power to be at work. *Amen.***

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***CLOSING HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* #245

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Alex Sandor

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

READINGS FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people
as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more
shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of
distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one
who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant
vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant
and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of
my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of
their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their
descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I
will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat
straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

'Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/21 Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast Served

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Happy Birthday- Ryan G

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

4:00 p.m. Community Dinner

MONDAY 4/22 Earth Day

Set up for the BBQ Dinner will begin today.

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

TUESDAY 4/23

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. BBQ Rib Dinner

WEDNESDAY 4/24

Happy Birthday – Brian S

THURSDAY 4/25

10:30 a.m. Quilting Group

FRIDAY 4/26

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 4/27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Thank you to Marian Lanigan for hosting this year's Easter Breakfast!

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. today. Gather with Christy following worship to participate.

COMMUNITY DINNER

UPC will be hosting a Community Dinner this afternoon beginning at 4:00 p.m. This meal is free and open to the public.

BBQ DINNER

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, UPC will be hosting it's annual BBQ Rib Dinner. Tickets are available at the door. Adults are \$10, Children 5 and older are \$5 and Children 4 and under are free. Take-out is available.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the May 2019 UPBeat newsletter is on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. The newsletter will be put together for mailing on Friday, April 26 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Quilting Group Thursday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING

Presbytery Women of Northern Waters is having a Gathering on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Country Peace. Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will cost \$8.00. Please call Jan Letsos, 715-394-6009 by April 29th for reservations.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 28** following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a Deacon to fill an unexpired term which ends in 2020.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

UPC will be holding a spring church rummage sale on Friday, May 3 and Saturday May 4. Start setting aside those items that you would like to donate to the sale. Items may be brought to the church beginning on Wednesday, May 1.

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Wayne Phelps &
Mary Kay Coone