



March 31, 2024

“When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt...He Rose!”
-Frederick Buechner

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bob Goossen

***LITANY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE** Liturgist Chris Otto

Leader: This is the day:
when tears are wiped away;
People: shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.
Leader: This is the day the Lord:
rolls away the stone of fear;
People: throws off death’s clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;
People: death has no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts
to fill us with life.
Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!
Hallelujah! Christ has risen!
All: Christ has risen indeed!

***HYMN** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” 232

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, resurrection is not what we expect in our world.
On the face of things, life seems to be under threat
and the light of our hope is growing dim.
We need the stone to be rolled away again.

Forgive us and all who have failed to honor
and preserve life in all its diversity and glory
Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships
to become less important than riches or recognition
Forgive us and all who have grown blind
to the signs of resurrection that beckon us still.
We need the stone to be rolled away again.
We need life to break out within us again.
We need love to consume us again.
Resurrect us today, O Lord,
and make us agents of Your life...Your hope.
Silence is kept

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Hear the promise of the gospel. Jesus came to earth to reconcile
all peoples to God. Jesus gave his life for us, Jesus prays for us.
Jesus reigns in heaven for all. Friends, believe the good news of
the gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (chorus, vs 4, chorus) 240

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “Risen Indeed”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18

SERMON “Expectations!”

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (responsively)

L: We are the Church of Easter Morn!
P: Out of Death, Life has come!
L: Out of blackness: a lush green world
flowers in the ice, sun rays in the storm
mustard seeds galore,
P: Our souls enter a spiritual springtime,
L: Our bodies given over to leaping and dancing,
P: Our very beings saturated with Alleluias!

L: Our shouting crashes in upon this world:

A: *The Lord lives! We live!*

L: Resurrection resounds throughout our community.

P: We are freed to free others.

We are affirmed to affirm others.

We are loved to love others.

L: We are family, we are community
We are the church triumphant-

P: We have come to the Lord-

We are renewed, redirected

L: Given the power to change, change things, change lives

P: To spring forth in joyful Alleluias

L: Proclaiming to all who will hear:

Christ has risen! Shout Hosanna!

A: *Christ has risen indeed!* (inspired by Ann Weems' poetry)

***SONG** "He Lives" (insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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

OFFERING

***RESPONSE** "Easter Doxology" (tune Old 100th)

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath. Amen!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SENDING SONG** "He Lives" (chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***POSTLUDE**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

- No Sunday School today

Tuesday, April 2–Women’s Association @6:30pm

Wednesday, April 3–Story Time @10am

Thursday, April 4–Choir rehearsal @7pm

Tuesday, April 9–Deacons @6:30pm

Tuesday, April 9–Session @7pm

Wednesday, April 10–Story Time @10am

Wednesday, April 10–Ruth Circle Bible Study @1pm

An Exploring Membership Class will be held on April 7 & 14 following worship. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall with child care provided. If you are interested please speak with Pastor Bob or Elder John Martin.

Thank you to all who generously shared in our Lenten mission project. To date donations total \$4,034.00. We joyfully exceeded our goal of \$3,000.00!! A special thank you to the children for sharing their coins and helping with the collections. Our offering will go to the Presbyterian Giving Fund to dig a well where there is a need, and to the Water for the Woodlands water bank near Butler.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Don Habedank (Shirley Fluharty’s brother), Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass’s friend), David Alexander (Shirley Fluharty’s son-in-law), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha

In the Military: Don Sanders, William Barth, Kelly Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Lois Davie, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Lois Dancer, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

CLASS OF 2024: Gina Arzberger (2T), Rayna Knox

Paul Magee (2T), Wendi Rybicki

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Markish

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni

Eleanor Pike, Corinna Petrella

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES EASTER 2024

In Honor of our wonderful Wobie & Pap & our children by the Knox Family

In Honor of our children & grandchildren by John and Bonnie Martin

In Honor of our children, granddaughters & great grandsons by Jack and Diane Gennaro

In Honor of Baby Winkle by Ray & Peggy Atwell

In Memory of our parent, grandparents in heaven & great grandparents by the Knox Family

In Memory of our parents by Jack and Diane Gennaro

In Memory of loved ones by Dick Klein

In Memory of our parents: Warren & Marian Douglass and Melvin & Fannie Haun by Mark & Marsha Douglass

In Memory of my parents Juergen and Walburga Kretschmar by Ivonne Markish

In Memory of Thomas & Willa Kocher by David & Joshua

In Memory of Ray & Virginia Fouse & Terry McCallan

In Memory of Fred & Ellen Paul, James & Ethel Gardner, Daniel C. Palmer and Peter & Agnes Paul by the Palmer Family

In Memory of Gloria Otten and Josephine Guest by JoAnne Polizotto

In Memory of Olga Kunco and Robert Guest by Marcy Zombeck

In Memory of our parents by Chris & Denise Mathias

In Memory of Gerald & Pauline Stewart and Edward Hribar by the Hribar Family

In Memory of William & Mary Goossen by Robert & ChrisAnn Goossen

In Memory of Alex Sardo by Missy & Michael

In Memory of our mother Diane Boustead, our grandparents Pat & Charles E. Boustead, Don & Delores Bennke by Amanda Collins & Jared Boustead