



March 31, 2024

Resurrection of the Lord

**WE GATHER**

**CENTERING AND PRELUDE**

String Quartet No. 22 in B-Flat Major, K. 589 (1790), first (Allegro) and second (Larghetto) movements

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1791

String Quartet: Olivia Ren and Kelly Hsu, Violin; Rizwan Jagani, Viola and David Zelinsky, Cello

**WELCOME**

Emily Sama Miller

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brian Jones, Liturgist

ONE	Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Death has been conquered. Christ has restored us to new life. All that is broken has been made whole.
ALL	<b>Where, O death, is your victory?</b> <b>Where, O death, is your sting?</b>
ONE	Hold your head high, Christ has risen! From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark Friday, passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter. We know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together.
ALL	<b>By the power of God, the cross could not defeat Christ.</b> <b>The tomb could not hold him.</b>
ONE	Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Carry forward God’s healing. Carry it to a world where truth and justice triumph over evil and oppression. You have been called out of death and into new life!

<b>ALL</b>	<b>Rejoice! Life bursts through death. Jesus Christ is alive for evermore! Alleluia!</b>
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**\*HYMN #302**

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (verses 1-4)***

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; arr.: for String Quartet, Organ and Congregation by Michael Wu (ASCAP), 2022

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Ann Bartlow, Organ

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

**Andrew and Melissa (Oliver and Violet) Harke**

**Dawn Adair and Frank Johnson**

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor and Jane Rall, Lay Leader

Pastor Laura	Do you believe in God, the creator of the universe, in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God's redeeming love, and the Holy Spirit, God's presence among us to guide, inspire, and transform?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I do!</b>
Jane	Do you desire to become a member of Faith United Methodist Church?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I do!</b>
Pastor Laura	Will you commit yourself to be an active part of our worship community?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I will!</b>
Jane	Will you live your life in service to your neighbor and all the world as a follower of Jesus Christ?

<b>New Members</b>	<b>I will!</b>
Pastor Laura	Will you be a lifelong learner, challenging the limits of your faith through education, prayer, reflection, and examination?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I will!</b>
Jane	Will you invest in this church through your personal efforts, talents, and gifts?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I will!</b>
Pastor Laura	And finally, will you make this a place of welcome for all and invite others to share the faith journey with you?
<b>New Members</b>	<b>I will!</b>
Pastor Laura	Brothers & sisters, we commend to your love and care these persons, whom we this day receive into the membership of our congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and welcome you to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will live our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.</b>
Pastor Laura	God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.
<b>ALL</b>	<b>Amen.</b>

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Brian Jones, Liturgist

### Call to Confession

Christ has risen  
and we have risen to new life with him.  
Yet we must confess the ways we have

continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.

### Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Living Lord,**

when we stand before the empty tomb  
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.

We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.

We feel empty.

Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.

Forgive our doubt of your love.

Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.

Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.

Raise us to abundant new life

for the glory of your name.

### Words of Assurance

Wake up, sleeper!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.

Sisters and brothers,

Christ has forgiven our sins.

Christ calls us to new life.

Christ will lead us into righteousness.

**ALL: Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

#### *Joy and Elation*

Composer: Cynthia Dobrinski

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian Jones, Liturgist

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

Brian Jones, Liturgist

## MESSAGE: "This Is Our Story"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

## ANTHEM

### *Redeemer*

Composer: Nicole C. Mullen, b. 1967, arr.: Heather Sorenson, living

Publisher: Shawnee Press

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

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Ann Bartlow, Piano

## WONDER

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brian Jones, Liturgist

## WHAT NOW

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

## \*HYMN #307

### *Christ Has Risen*

Words: Brian Wren, 1984

Music: Polish Carol, arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

Publisher: Hope Publishing Co., 1986; harm.: Abingdon Press, 1965

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## SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

## POSTLUDE

### Hallelujah Chorus (*Messiah*, HWV 56, 1741)

Composer: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

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Ann Bartlow, Organ

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## SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Hannah Coppersmith and Cora Miller

Altar Guild for March: Carol Henley and Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Woody Machalek, Debbie Spriggs and Jason Spriggs

Chat Room Host: Mary Stark

Congregational Welcome: Emily Sama Miller

Fellowship Hosts: Jeff and Denise Bryant; Carol and Gordon Henley

Liturgist: Brian Jones

Nursery Staff: Tessa Ricketts and Celina Schmidt

Welcome Team: Bruce Werber; Bill and Lloydie Zaiser

## FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

Ann Bartlow, Organist

André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator

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Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff

Kim Webster, Finance Manager

Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director

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