

Second Sunday of Easter Worship

10 a.m. Sunday, April 16

Rev. Roy Riggs
preaching



In person, online and via phone

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Lillian and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

PRELUDE: "Variations: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!" by Naji Hakim / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT:** "Easter Fanfare" by E. E. Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale / Directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (1 Peter 1, John 20) / Sophie Weiss, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(All) Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.

(L) Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

(A) In this place, we find hope and joy.

(L) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

(All) Let us worship the one who brings new life.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #882** – The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical
Version / Rev. Roy Riggs / All

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

***OPENING HYMN: #304** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” (vss. 1-3)
(Words by William M. James; Music by Henry T. Smart) / All / Led by
Yvonne Flagg

Verse 1

**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

Verse 2

**Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

Verse 3

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

WELCOME / Rev. Roy Riggs

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Adapted from Psalm 23, Ephesians 5)

Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our minds to the flame of your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

INTERLUDE: "Blessed Be Your Name" by Beth Redman and Matt Redman / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:22-24 (NRSV) / Liturgist

²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and fore-knowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Mercy Tree" by Michael William Neale and Krissy Nordhoff;
Arr. by Joseph M. Martin

SERMON: "PERSPECTIVES" / Rev. Roy Riggs

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2270 "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst / All / Led by The Response**

Verse

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

Refrain

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

Repeat Verse and Refrain

Instrumental Verse

Sing Refrain

Repeat Verse and Refrain

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (1 Peter 1) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Through the resurrection of Christ, we have been given new birth and a living hope. In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts to God.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" by Thomas Gieschen

***DOXOLOGY: #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken / All**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: "All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak / All**

Verse 1

**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

Verse 2

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all. Chorus**

Bridge

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

***BENEDICTION / Rev. Roy Riggs**

POSTLUDE: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" by Dale Wood

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



*The Cudney family invites you to celebrate the life of
David W. Cudney*

Saturday, April 22, 2023 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rev. Roy Riggs, presiding

*You are also invited to attend the reception
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*



Loretta Cudney and family, Pat Beals, Virginia Brawner family,
Mimi Luker, Lydia Russell, O'Connor family, Martinez family,
Rev. Bev Devine, Pat Williams, Kris Lovekin, Art Rodriguez,
Sally Gamble, family of Sheila Kane

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.

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*We are grateful for the Worship/Media Team members
who have faithfully served today:*

Acolytes: Lillian and Julia Zeeb

Organist: Robert Phillips

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Liturgist: Sophie Weiss

Choir Director/Hymn Leader: Yvonne Flagg

Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds

Hymn Leaders & Interlude: The Response

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

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THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 16

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Family Sunday, Sermon: "Perspectives" by Rev. Roy Riggs, and The Response Band (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

Monday, April 17

- Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 a.m.
- The Response rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

- UWiF Bible Study (Zoom) - 6:45 p.m.
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 p.m.

Friday, April 21

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 a.m.

Saturday, April 22

- UWiF Serendipity Circle (Chandler Lounge) - 10 a.m.
- Celebration of Life for David Cudney (Sanctuary) - 1 p.m.
- Reception following (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 23

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Worship - Sermon: "Dropping In" by Rev. Bev Devine (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

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