

WELCOME!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments between the services in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives!

NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse United Methodist Church as a professing member, please contact Amanda Pearsall at apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please ask the ushers for directions to Classroom A, where elementary school aged children will experience hands on learning during the service. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church administrative office at 941-964-2479 if you can help!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MINISTRY

This year's Pancake Breakfast Ministry has commenced and will continue through Thursday, April 14. Please contact Julie Wahoff at 964-2288 to volunteer and for more information. Sign up sheets are available at the Church Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

While the Pancake Breakfast Ministry is in session through April 14, the Men's Prayer Group will meet in the Stirling Adult Education Classroom B at 10:30 every Thursday morning. All men all welcome to attend!

WELCOME TO TABITHA JORDAN!

Please take the time to introduce yourselves to Tabitha Jordan, who is here with us today at Lighthouse Church and will officially begin her duties as Minister to Youth and Families on Monday, April 4.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

By offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we are able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local congregation and our missional initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!

SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY!

Ushers: 8:30-Ellie & Pete Durno, Karen & Rick Hugger

10:30-Judy & Doug Sandbo, Linda & Palmer Long

Liturgist: 8:30- Bob Swoveland 10:30-Bob Schoenfeld

Hospitality Hosts: Tiffany White, Candy Brooks, Jim Benson

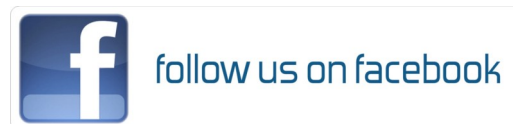
Choir Director: Carol Elwood, **Accompanist:** Al Nethery

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reecher & Liam Hugger

Children's Special Easter Experience: Cheryl Schum & Tabitha Jordan



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A United Methodist Congregation

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EASTER SUNDAY



Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.

Service of Worship

8:30 & 10:30 am

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you
All are welcome in this place of worship.
As you are seated please silence your cell phones
and register your attendance in the registration pad.
The prelude signals the beginning of worship.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach
Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head

+GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed!**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Anthem for Choir and Congregation*
"Risen Today -Jay Althouse See insert
Llanfair, Lancashire, Easter Hymn *Hymn to Joy*

+OPENING PRAYER From Acts 10

Holy and Living God,
Like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light,
Open us this day to newness of life; open us to your
Love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness,
To your peace; open us to one another, and to
The possibilities you have in store for us.
Give us hope for the future and a passion for life
Here and now. We pray in the name of the One
Who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70 *Meineke*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Easter Carol* Choir
Patti Drennan

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan

+PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

+SONG OF PEACE #307 "Christ Is Risen" W Zlobie Lezy

(During the song of peace children who wish to attend the Children's
Easter Experience are dismissed to Fellowship Hall)

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*It is our honor to pray with you and for you. If you have a prayer re-
quest that you would like listed on our prayer list, please fill out a prayer
card and place it in the offering plate.*

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 118: 21-24 Pew Bible OT Page 565-566

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 10: 34-43 Pew Bible NT Page 121

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #322
Up from the Grave He Arose vs. 1-2 *Christ Arose*

+GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 1-18 Pew Bible NT Page 114-115

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #322
Up from the Grave He Arose vs. 3 *Christ Arose*

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the
world the light of life. As we hear your word today, sanctify
this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also
be kindled with the holy desire to shine with the brightness of
the risen Christ. Amen.

SERMON *Why Are You Weeping?* Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880 The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit, and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one
holy catholic * and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen. *universal

OFFERTORY PRAYER Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *Were You There* Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head
Spiritual

+DOXOLOGY 94 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #308 *Thine Be the Glory* Judas Maccabeus

+BENEDICTION Sarum Primer 1558

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and my departing.

And may the blessing of the Risen Christ, Father Son and Holy
Spirit, rest upon you and live in you, now and forever, Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Hymn to Joy* Philip Eyrych, Trumpet
Beethoven/arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head