

Easter Service

April 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> Handbell Choir, Organ and Trumpet	Cynthia Dobrinski
Welcome		Rev. Bradley Laurvick Rev. Cynthia Paquette
Call to Worship	One: The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt. All: All that remains is the empty tomb. One: The Lord has risen; he’s no longer among the dead. All: He lives. The Lord has risen! One: Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope. All: Let us then worship together, replacing doubt and fear with joy and life.	
Introit	<i>Easter Introit</i> Brass, Organ, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir	John Ferguson
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> Brass, Organ, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, Congregation	UMH #302
	Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia! Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!	
Chorus (9:30)	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i> Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!	UMH# #322
Children’s Message Chorus (9:30)	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	UMH# #322
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer		

Scripture	Mark 16:1-8	
Sermon	“It’s About Life”	
Offering Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	<i>Joy to the Heart</i> Organ, Brass and Sanctuary Choir	K. Lee Scott
*Doxology	<i>He Lives</i> He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.	UMH #310
*Sending Prayer	We rejoice in the new life of Easter, for God's promise of life is fulfilled once again! May we experience the blessing of this day, as we are reminded that nothing can separate us from God's love. Let us leave this place amazed, ready to not only share the good news, but ready to live the life we have been given. For just as on that first Easter morning, Christ is alive and goes before us. Hallelujah! Amen!	
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> Organ, Brass, Sanctuary Choir and Congregation	arr. Craig Courtney
	INTRODUCTION AND VERSE 1: CHOIR VERSE 2: LOW VOICES IN THE CONGREGATION AND CHOIR Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon His throne; hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King thro’ all eternity. VERSE 3: HIGH VOICES IN THE CONGREGATION AND CHOIR Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. VERSE 4: ALL Crown him the Lord of years: the potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.	
	CODA: CHOIR ONLY	
*Benediction		Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Choral Response	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> Organ, Trumpets and Sanctuary Choir	G. F. Handel
Postlude	Toccata	Charles-Marie Widor

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2. Check or cash. All loose one dollar bills go to those in need.
3. Offering your time, talents, gifts, service and witness.

Serve with Us!

- **Teacher Appreciation** at Putnam Elementary - April 21
- **Flood Recovery Bucket Assembly** - April 29th
- **Food Bank Work Day** - May 6th
- **Outdoor Service Projects** at Buckhorn Camp - May 6th or 7th
- **Faith Family Hospitality** (housing families experiencing homelessness) - quarterly
- Fill the pantry for **our Habitat family** - ongoing with each house build
- **Pine Ridge Reservation** (South Dakota) Service Trip - Aug 9th- 13th

For more information or to sign up, email serve@fcfumc.net

Learn with Us!

- **Cold Anger Study**, empowerment of working-class communities through church-based social activism; April 12, 19, 26, 1 PM in person, 7 PM via zoom
- **Hagen Lecture**, “Crucibles of Democracy: Institutions, Power & Public Life” by Jorge Montiel, May 1, 7 PM
- **Grace-Full Life Study**, How can I fully experience & respond to God's grace?; May 3, 10, 17, 24, noon & 7 PM
- **Children’s Sunday School**, weekly at 9:30 AM after children’s message
- **Youth Sunday School**, South/Youth basement; weekly at 9:30 AM
- **Adult Sunday School**, 9:15 and 11:00 AM
- **Youth Group**, South/Youth basement; Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- **Church Library**, open for people to check out books when the church building is open.

For more information or to sign up, email afdl@fcfumc.net

Connect with Us...

...through Life Together Groups!

- **Groups by age, interest and life stage**
- **United Women in Faith**, different circles meet on different days & times
- **Men’s Modern Faith Journey***
- **LGBTQ+***
- **Prayer & Share**, Tuesdays, 9:30 AM
- **OK Chorale**—singing group for people with memory loss; 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 3 PM
- **Social Sing-a-long**—come sing, dance & have a good time; starts on May 9, 2:30 PM
- **Grief Support**—for people who have lost loved ones; 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1 PM

*Meeting time TBD

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Make Music with Us!

The music ministry at First Church is constantly growing and evolving and there is a place for everyone. Below are a few of the primary opportunities to share your musical talents and become involved.

- **Sanctuary Choir** is the core of our music program. No audition required and high school through adults are welcome
- **Handbell Choirs** – We currently have two handbells choirs – one 5 octave choir and one beginner group open for all adults
- **Church Orchestra** – For advanced high school students and adults that play at a moderately advanced level. All band and orchestral instruments are included.
- **Children’s Choirs** – For pre K through 5th grade. This group sings monthly in worship and presents two musicals per year
- **Children’s Handchime Choir** – meets for 6 week periods throughout the year. Watch for more details.
- *The OK Chorale* – this sing-along group is for adults who want to sing the “old songs” and is open to those with memory issues

Please watch for additional opportunities in coming months and/or email David Adkins at choirdir@fcfumc.net.

Rev. Bradley Laurvick	Lead Pastor
Rev. Cynthia Paquette	Pastor of
	Congregational Engagement
David Adkins	Director of Music Ministries
	& Communications
Barb Grauberger	Director of Children’s
	& Family Ministries

Dr. Joel Bacon	Organist/Artist in Residence
Ushers:	9:30 Randy Olson, Blake Barkoski,
	Judy Kinner, Mark Yergler, Lois Quintana
	11:00 Eric Wilkinson, Dennis Bode,
	Karen Knuckey
Liturgists:	9:30 Sandy Merriweather
	11:00 Cindi Ross-Bell

Easter

He has been raised.

He isn't here.

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