

April 20, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation Pastor John

Pastor: Jesus Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen, indeed!

Pastor: Let us rejoice and be glad,

People: For the Lord has assured our salvation!

*Apostles' Creed Rosie Troutman

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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.

*Passing of the Peace Rosie Troutman

*Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" No. 322

*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

Father in Heaven, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son, that we might be called your children, too. Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for His sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in your footsteps and tell your good news to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Lord Jesus, on this special day, the holiest of all days, we pause to give thanks for your limitless grace and your unconditional love. Your death and resurrection atoned for our sins and cleansed our souls. May we forever honor our relationship with you through a renewed commitment to faithfulness and obedience, in Your Holy and Perfect Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Luke 8:40-42 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Luke 8:42-46 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 3 Luke 8:47-48 Pastor John

Scripture 4 Luke 8:49-50 Rosie Troutman

Scripture 5 Luke 8:51-52 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word Pastor John

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "He Touched Me" No. 367

Chancel Choir "Resurrection Alleluias"

Message "A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Sung Response

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Christ is Alive" No. 318

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

United Women in Faith is committed to empowering women and girls around the world. In 2023, we awarded 16 economic development grants totaling \$188,100. Join us on Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. for a sacrificial meal and program. The 2025 offering will support economic development and microenterprise projects, vocational training, life skills, and livelihood training internationally.

Holy Humor Sunday

United Women in Faith will lead our worship service next Sunday. This is an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians—"Bright Sunday" or "Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Come join us.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study of *The Man Code* continues on Wednesday at the Boyer's home, 3595 Kister Rd. A light supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the study. All men are welcome.

Mission Barn Trip

We have scheduled a trip to the Mission Barn for Wednesday, April 30. The site is two hours away, so we will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7:00 pm. We take a sack lunch to eat on site and then eat an early dinner in Pennsylvania before heading home. Please consider joining us as we travel to Pennsylvania to be the hands and feet of Christ in partnership the United Methodist Church. For additional information, please contact Pam Domer.



Praises and Prayers

Holy Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your glorious resurrection, we reach out to you in love and gratitude, giving thanks for your relationship with us and humbly asking that you hear the following praises and prayers as we lift them up before you...

Praises

- *For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For the power of prayer in our church
- *For the legacy of those who came before us
- *For the gifts God has given our medical professionals

Prayers

- *For Karen Cantrell’s mother, who is in Hospice
- *For Roger Troutman, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Connie Garg, who has medical tests this week and next
- *For Kathy McConnell, whose recent surgery was successful
- *For Bill Braucher as he recovers in Wooster
- *For four-year old Michael, who is undergoing chemo
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For Dave Zech following foot surgery
- *For Alison Flanagan, who is dealing with personal issues
- *For Marv Lemon, who had a stroke
- *For the family of Judy Wirt, who passed recently

Thought for the Day

*God didn’t do it all in one day,
What makes us think we can?*

Sunday Smile

*If you’re having trouble sleeping,
Try counting your blessings!*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 4/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	EASTER Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4/21	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/22	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/23	Prayer and Self Denial	6:00 p.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/24	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 4/27	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Monday 4/28	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 4/29	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/30	Trip to the Mission Barn	7:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Reflection

On this, the most sacred of days, we are invited to reflect upon our faith and celebrate our relationship with Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He transformed our lives, and continues to be our guiding light. Today’s message addresses the presence of the Lord and how just a Little Jesus goes a long way. In both good times and bad, He is always with us, so let us be sure to fall back on His wisdom and guidance. We are greatly blessed to know Him. May we do our best to make Him known to others as well.

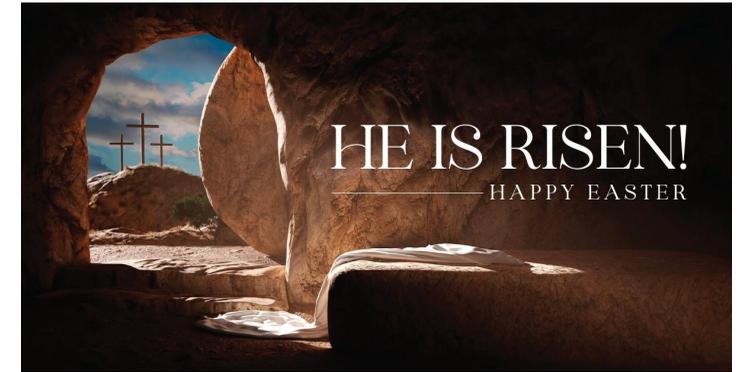


Last Week’s Attendance: 55 in person..... 39 online
Last Week’s Offering:..... \$2519

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 20A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way
- April 27United Women in Faith
- May 4..... Guilt Trip

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Today’s Message
“A Little Jesus Goes A Long Way”