

# The Community Gathers

PRELUDE Pam Campbell, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT "Risen Today" Renata Knox, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP "The Three Women"

Andrea Condray, Amanda Morgan & Neveah Valcoure

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH#302

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

PRAYER FOR THE DAY LEADER: "Christ is risen!"

PEOPLE: "He is risen indeed!"

ALL: We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. In your risen power, you shape all our days, and so we praise and thank you, Lord. In the risen Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY AND ALL SAINTS

PRAYER SONG "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH#186

HOLY COMMUNION UMH#12

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord" ~ Psalm 118:19

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM Alleluia, He Lives! Renata Knox, Director

DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH#277

(First stanza only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Mark Crist

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "While it was Still Dark" Pastor Mark Crist

**Thanksgiving** 

PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH#304

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let there be Peace on Earth" UMH#431

POSTLUDE (Please stay standing until the Postlude is finished)

#### **Events this Week:**

### Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service at Pam's 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt & Activities

### Wednesday, April 3, 2024

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Table Talk.

#### Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Community Baby Shower

# Upcoming Events: Monday, April 8, 2024

5:30pm FUMC Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2024



# Welcome to our guests!

We are glad you are here.
We hope you were blessed by
your experience at
First United Methodist Church
this morning and will tell friend.

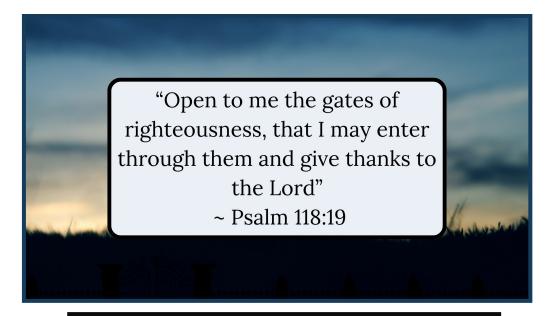




Attendance & Financials				
	Attendance		Offering	
March 10	51		\$2,765.00	
March 17	49		\$5,307.00	
March 24	53		\$814.00	
Monthly Budget			\$16,783.00	
Feb. Offering to date:			\$12,801.00	
Year-to-Date:		·	\$51,454.00	



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Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
First United Methodist Church



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Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor

Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley