

RESURRECTION SUNDAY



April 20, 2025

***Easter
Resurrection Sunday***
April 20, 2025

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

† UMH ~ United Methodist Hymnal (hard cover hymnal)

♯ FWS ~ The Faith We Sing (soft cover hymnal)

Announcements and greetings

*The assembly responds or joins in unison when our text is **bold**.*

Centering Words:

Christ is risen, bringing joy, hope, and the promise of new life. May this day be a celebration of God's abiding presence in our lives and in our world.

Prelude

"Christ lag in Todesbanden, verse 1"

Scheidemann

Call to worship:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!

Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen!

*Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

² UMH # 302

1.

**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!**

2.

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

3.

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

4.

**Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

5.

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

6.

**King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 302

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Opening Prayer: In Unison

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. God of new life and new possibilities, we gather to sing our songs of gladness and to share your steadfast love. Some of us come from the shadows of our lives, as we anticipate the light. Some of us come eager to learn but are unsure of what it all means. Some of us come in grief, grateful to discover hope. Wherever we have come from, may we all find you, the risen Christ, the one who conquered death and proclaims new life for all. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: **Lamentations 3:22-26**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalter: **Psalms 118:14-29** Responsively with Sung Response # 2

† UMH page 839

Musical Response:

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

¹⁸ **The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Musical Response

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Musical Response

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,

who has given us light.

**Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

Musical Response

Special Music

First Methodist Brass

New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading: **John 20:1-18**

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Let the King Come In

Larson

Message

"The Dawn of New Possibilities"

Musical Response

First Methodist Brass

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: In unison

God of new beginnings, we confess that too often we live in tombs of our own making; bound by fear, shame, doubt, and regret. We close our eyes to the dawn breaking before us, refusing to believe that new life is possible. Forgive us, O God. Roll away the stones that keep us stuck and raise us up into the joy and wonder of resurrection life. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope. Help us proclaim your resurrection with confidence on this day. Flawed as we are, help us perceive how deeply we are loved, for your grace and mercy never fail. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Let us pause for a moment of quiet confession.

Words of assurance:

Hear the good news: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us and through us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed and made new!

Invitation to the Offering

Please submit your offering as you feel led by placing it in the plates on the altar railing, or text your gift to 833-756-0325, or on our website: www.elyriafirstumc.org.

Offertory

First Methodist Brass

Offertory Prayer: In Unison

On this Resurrection Day, we bring our gifts with joy, remembering that from the darkness of the tomb, You brought forth new life. May these offerings be seeds of possibility, planted in faith and watered by hope, so that Your love might rise anew in our community and throughout the world. Use them and use us to proclaim that the dawn has come and that with You all things are possible. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

[†] UMH # 322

1.

**Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

**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!**

2.

**Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

3.

**Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 322

Words: Robert Lowry, 1874

Music: Robert Lowry, 1874

Please be seated for closing announcements and the Benediction.

Benediction: Responsively

Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced.

We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ!

Go forth to live into the new possibilities God has prepared for you.

We go forth transformed and transforming!

May the God of hope, the Christ of victory, and the Spirit of new life go with you-now and always!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

Widor

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Tennille Power

Liturgist: Kristen Jones

Media: David Wilm

Musicians: Kingsley Wood, Jack Roberts, and the Chancel Choir

Sound room: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: Bill Buga, Roger and Janice McFrederick, and Mike Zahnke

The altar flowers are sponsored by Emily and Tyler Edwards in loving memory and in remembrance of their mom Anita Edward's passing on April 17th.

The Easter plants are given in loving memory of, in appreciation of, or in honor of loved ones. See insert.

If you are interested in joining our church family, please call the church office at 440.322.6622 or email our pastor at tennillep@elyriafirstumc.org.

If you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office, 440.322.6622.

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Third Street Review



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Happy Easter!

Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!

April Mission focus:

Peace with Justice

United Methodists relate by seeking peaceful solutions, creating, and supporting peace-related ministries in our communities and learning about peaceful efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice and serve as reconcilers of conflict.

Donations for this mission supports programs and ministries to educate, equip, and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Donations will be collected all month and can be made by cash, checks (indicate ***Peace with Justice*** on the memo line) or online.

Scholarship Sunday

Our scholarship committee is ready to begin the awesome task of awarding scholarships for this year! More information is to come. Scholarship information will be available on ***April 27th***, so be on the lookout and let's get our young people prepared!

Scripture readings for the week:

Sunday, April 20: **Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49**

Monday, April 21: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

Tuesday, April 22: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12**

Wednesday, April 23: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12**

Thursday, April 24: **Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16**

Friday, April 25: **Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26**

Saturday, April 26: **Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40**

Sunday, April 27: **Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31**

Community Breakfast

We are grateful for our faithful volunteers and those who cheerfully give to this much needed ministry. We are always in need of ***plastic bags and cutlery*** that are used weekly. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping us serve in this vital ministry. If you want to donate plastic bags and cutlery, please bring them, and drop them in the donation box located on the main level.

Open Sponsorship Dates

Altar Flower dates:

May 18 and 25

Cost \$22

Please call the church office at 440.322.6622 to reserve your special date!

Free Clothing Store

The Free Clothing Store is a labor of love! We thank all those who donated to the clothing store! We are now collecting **spring clothing**. The store will be open on **Saturday, April 26th 10 am-12 pm**, please contact the church office at 440.322.6622 with questions or to volunteer,

Free Hygiene Store

Being open to the community and filling in the gap for many families is a blessing! We are grateful for your continued support of this much needed ministry. Our needs for April include:

- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Paper towels & Toilet paper**
- **Kids Toothbrush and toothpaste**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Body Lotion**
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Women's and men's Body wash, Deodorant, and Razors**
- **Baby wash and lotion**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level.

Join us on **Saturday, April 26th from 10 am-12 pm!**

Happy Tuesdays

Tuesdays are our time for fellowship, fun and lunch! Our traditional **Happy Hour** is on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Here a meal will be prepared, and we welcome all to come and fellowship! On the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays**, we will gather as **BYOL-Bring Your Own Lunch** with fun and fellowship supplied!

Due to Holy Week, the dates have been adjusted.

Happy Hour ~ April 8th & 29th

BYOL ~ April 1st & 22nd

Season of Change

Our church has faithfully aired the 11:00 am worship service on WEOL since 1958. This broadcast has served as a vital connection for many of our members who are homebound and cannot attend service in the Sanctuary. We have been blessed to provide this much needed outlet to keep our members connected to our worship and the church family.

As seasons change, so does the community around us. WEOL has been bought and is making transitions with the possible new owners. Unfortunately, this means we will no longer broadcast on Sunday morning. However, as God always provides a way, like during COVID, a streaming option of YouTube was offered and over the last year we have also streamed over Facebook.

The church staff is diligently contacting those we know who are faithful listeners through WEOL to ensure they have a continuity of participating in worship through YouTube.

We are asking for an all-hands-on deck approach! If you know someone, a member, friend or neighbor, who listens, please help them as much as possible to transition to YouTube for our worship service.

Church leadership is in contact with WEOL to connect with the new owners to bid for our church service to remain on the broadcast lineup. We will provide updates as we receive them. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at any time.

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Easter Flower Dedications

GIVEN BY

Borer Family

Charlotte Carlson

Barbara Church

Patricia Downie and family

Roger & Wendy Fleming

Annette Grobe

Kristen Jones & Joel Schmittgen

Laurie Lee

Roger McFrederick family

Audrey Miller

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joan Borer, mother, grandmother
Jeff Borer, brother, uncle
Dave Turnbull, grandfather

My husband Henry;
my son, Jeff;
my brother, George, and other loved ones

My parents, Gene & JoAnn Demchak, and brother,
Jim Demchak

June Turner

Our loved ones

Loved ones of the Grobe & Edwards families

David & Joan Jones and Joan Schmittgen

Janice King

Michael McFrederick

Charles Miller

Dolores Morgan	Loved ones: parents, husband, in-laws, brother
Ostergaard family	Our parents and grandparents
Susan Overs	My husband, Tom
Denise Smith	My parents, Bob & Elaine
Carol Stomieroski	Kent Joy
Carol Turnbull	My husband, David Turnbull
Yearley family	Our parents, Harry & Norma
Norma Jean Zvosec	Tom Overs

GIVEN BY

Sheila André de la Porte
 Neal & Cheryl Hubbard
 Ina Mayne
 Susan Overs
 Denise Smith
 Carol Stomieroski
 Claudette Williams

IN APPRECIATION

Pastor Tennille & church staff
 Our family
 My church family
 the Overs and Yearley families
 Julie Joy, Bob Rice, Pastor Tennille, Heather Tucker,
 and our wonderful church volunteers
 Jennifer, Pete, Claire, Amy, Mark, & Mark
 My Family

GIVEN BY

Kim Foster
 Susan Overs
 Denise Smith

IN HONOR

My parents, Clyde & Joanne Allison
 My wonderful family, Tom & Heather and their families
 My church family

The Easter lily is a symbol of purity and resurrection... symbolic of purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life. This comes from Christian legend, which says that after Jesus' death and resurrection, these flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before the crucifixion.

Tulips are often associated with different symbolisms and emotions. From a very general perspective, they are often linked to feelings of immense, perfect, genuine love. Spring flowering bulbs such as the tulip seem to come back from the dead, which is one reason they are associated with Easter. They have a unique bell-shaped blossom that resembles the spherical shape of an Easter egg.

*A sincere **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who decorated for Easter, to Puffer's Florist for the beautiful flowers, and to the bulletin crew and custodian for their extra work during this Easter season.*

Please pick up your plant after the service or on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Any leftover plants will be planted in our courtyard. Thank you!