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Below you will find the bulletin for the
11:00 a.m. service for Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.
We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.
We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.
We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"

~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

*Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley from the hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Sinfonia from *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir*, BWV 29”
We thank you, God, we thank you...

J. S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

The tomb is dark, but empty
The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness
The stone has been rolled away
The one you are looking for has overcome death
The burial clothes are put aside
The one you are looking for is alive!
Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed!
Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

ENTRANCE

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** No. 302, vs. 1-4 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

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 him rise, Alleluia! Christ has 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's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. 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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

† COLLECT:

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life in your service,
and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“Sundays of Easter,” UMH, #321

† **GLORIA PATRI:** No. 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.*

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR: SARAH GWYNDALYN FROHNE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

I present Sarah Gwyndalyn Frohne for baptism.

Parents: Zachary and Sarah Kristin Frohne

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Gwyndalyn in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Gwyndalyn now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Gwyndalyn with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and her who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sarah Gwyndalyn Frohne, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Gwyndalyn to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

No. 611, v.1 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

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PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *Please join us in singing after the Children’s Message*

No. 307, v.1 “Christ Is Risen” W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

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LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: Mark 16: 1-8 (NRSVue)

Reader: Bob Winstead

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

The Reverend Dr. Otto Harris

RESPONSE

RESPONSIVE ANTHEM:

“Spring Bursts Today”

Alfred Fedak

*Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
Flash forth, thou Sun, the rain is over and gone, its work is done.
Winter is past, sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.
Bud, Fig, and Vine, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.
Break forth this morn in roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.
Uplift thy head, O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.
Beside your dame leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.
All Herds and Flocks rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, Creatures, sing, Angels and Men and Birds and everything.
All notes of Doves fill all our world: this is the time of loves.*

Text: Christina Rossetti

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**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; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“This Joyful Eastertide”

setting by Jeremy J. Bankson

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead
in number... Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen.*

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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!

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† OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

*During this final hymn, we encourage anyone willing to come to the Choir Loft
and join us in the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.*

† HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 308

“Thine Be the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

REFRAIN Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumphs sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. REFRAIN
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN

Text: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; translated R. B. Hoyle, 1923

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION:

“Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*”

George Frideric Handel

POSTLUDE:

“Finale from *Symphony No. 5*”

Charles-Marie Widor

***Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.***

†Please stand as you are able.

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Guest Musicians: Ruth Metheny, violin; Jean Sykes, violin; and Dave Phillips, viola