#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Gathering Music Doug Madow

### Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Amy Jo

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture
- Pastor Amy Jo vacation: 4/27-5/3. Emergency contact information: Pastor Jef Olson at (507) 951-1271.
- Mission sponsored Potluck, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, following service.

\*Call to Worship Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

\*Special Music: "Because He Lives" Choir

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

John Streiff

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may

<sup>\*</sup>Invocation

live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

### Children's Message:

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

John Streiff

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302, v. 1, 2 & 4, UMH

Message: Alleluia, Christ Arose! Pastor Amy Jo

Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" #145, UMH

Celebration of Generosity: Easter Offering

50% to Apportionments & 50% to Ridgeview Heights

Offertory: "The Holy City" Jean Vincent, voice

\*Doxology #95, UMH

\*Offering Prayer

Hymn: "All Hail King Jesus" #2069, FWS (repeat)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving #13, UMH

Communion

\*Hymn: "He Lives" #310, UMH (Jean Vincent, trumpet)

\*Benediction

Postlude Doug Madow

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## **Church Calendar Of Events**

Sun. Apr. 20	Easter
Sun. Apr. 20	9am Worship/Communion
Mon. Apr. 21	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. Apr. 23	6pm Choir Practice
Sat. Apr. 26	Funeral- Kristen Strnad
Sun. Apr. 27	9am Worship
Sun. Apr. 27	Pastor Amy Jo out until May 3 <sup>rd</sup>

### **Community Announcements**

Pastor Amy Jo will be on vacation April 27- May 3. For pastoral emergencies during that time, please contact Pastor Jef Olson at (507) 951-1271.

## **Giving Report**

Apr. 6 \$3,097.00

