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## Jerseyville United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Noon, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

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❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Meditation: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"

1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV

Prelude: ..... "Christ Is Alive"

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 16:5-9 CEV

*Leader: You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe.*

**People: You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.**

*Leader: I praise you, Lord, for being my guide.*

**People: Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.**

*Leader: I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.*

**People: With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest.**

❖ Hymn ..... #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Opening Prayer *The 1964 Methodist Book of Worship*

Almighty God, who through Your only Son has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant, we beg You, that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may by the renewing of Your Spirit arise

from a death of sin to a life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer ..... #895

Old Testament Reading: ..... Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament Reading: ..... Acts 13:26-33

❖ Hymn: ..... #302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

❖ Gospel Reading: ..... John 20:1-18

Sermon: ..... "Experiencing the Unimaginable"

❖ Hymn: ..... #364 "Because He Lives"

❖ Benediction

❖ Congregational Response: ..... #307 "Christ Is Risen"



**Pastor Away** - Pastor Ray will be on vacation from after worship today until Tuesday, April 9. Ray and Joanne will be enjoying a staycation, so if you have a pastoral emergency during Ray's vacation time, please be sure to give him a call (609) 602-5835. Next Sunday, communion will be postponed, and The Rev Carol Cook will be our guest speaker

**Bible Study** - Our Adult Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 10 am, for a study in the book of Revelation. Visitors are always welcome. We meet on Zoom. Use the app or dial in with (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 822 2530 1496. More information? Please speak to our pastor.

**No Bible Study this week  
Pastor Ray is Away**

**Worship on Zoom** - Use your Zoom app or Call (929) 205 6099 Both have the same Meeting ID: 822 2530 1496. If you would like to receive the order of worship ahead of time, please visit our website. Sermons are also available by mail, or on our website

**Sermons by Mail** - A subscription to our weekly sermon is available. Each week a paper copy of the Sunday message will arrive in the mail. It's Free! Just ask Pastor Ray to be added to the list. Emailed copy available too

