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A Caring, Sharing and Daring Congregation!

April 4, 2021; 8:30 am Easter Sonrise Service

Welcome by Pastor Bryce

Special Music "Lord of the Dance"

Eileen Feighner

*Easter Proclamation

Praise the Lord! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!** Christ has been raised from death to new life. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! The dawn heralds this day's beginning with new light. We welcome the excitement that Easter morning brings! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

And no matter how many times we hear the Easter story proclaimed in song and gospel, we always welcome the assurance of newness that Christ's resurrection gives. Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

*Hymn	"Up from the Grave He Arose"	UMH 322			
First Reading	Luke 24:1-12 Choral Response: Come, Holy Ghost, our so Enlighten with celestial fir Thou the anointing Spirit a Who does Thy holy gifts in	e; art,			
Second Reading	g Act 10:34-43 Choral Response: Seek ye first the kingdom And His righteousness, And all these things shall Al-lelu, al-le—luia!				
Testimony to th	e Resurrection	Matt St. Jacques			
*Hymn	"Amazing Grace"	UMH 378			
*Sending Forth with Blessing Love like your heart is on fire, Live like your dreams are all true, Do what you can for each other, Remembering what He's done for you. Remembering what He's done for you.					

April 4, 2021; 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday

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Opening Introit by the Bell Choir and Anthem Singers ("Easter Bell Carol")

*Easter Proclamation Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed!
We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed!
We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen.

*Hymn	"Christ the L	ord is Risen Today"	UMH 302
1 st Gospel Re	eadiing	John 20:13-18	Salina Eggers, Director of Children's Ministry

(Young people K-5th Grade are invited to the KidZone for Sunday School)

*Hymn	"He Lives"	UMH 310
2 nd Gospel Read	ding John 6:30-40	
Message	"I AM the Bread of Life"	Bryce Feighner

Call to Confession:

Forgive us God, for seeing life but hanging on to death; for giving up on hope. We don't <u>care</u> enough to try to understand the resurrection. We don't <u>dare</u> enough to trust the everyday messengers you send to help us understand. We don't <u>share</u> enough of the miracle you have given us through Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from these sins. Restore us the joy of your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer, Pardon, Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

*Receiving Communion

*Communion Hymn "I AM the Bread of Life" (Lyrics on the back)

Communion Hymn "I AM the Bread of Life" I am the bread of life, they who come to me shall not hunger, They who believe in me, shall never thirst, No body comes to me, unless the Spirit draws them. Refrain: And I will raise you up. And I will raise you up. And I will raise you up on that last day. I am the resurrection, I am the life, They who eat of my bread, are leaven of mine, They shall live forever, in my Father's heaven.

Yes Lord I believe, yes Lord I will follow, Yes Lord I am hungry, for you to live in me, I will live forever, with the saints in glory.

Announcements

Let's Get Connected! Please take a moment and fill out the information portion of the offering envelope. If we can serve you in any way, or if you have **questions**, comments, or prayer requests, please indicate so in the Let's Get Connected section on the envelope. Please place the envelope in one of the blue buckets in the back of the Worship Center. Gifts, tithes, and offerings may also be placed in the blue buckets in the back of the Worship Center.

Family Promise Host Week—April 11-18. Sign up at the back of the Worship Center or contact Jenny NeSmith-Lauer at 269-744-2534 or jenoo9999@yahoo.com if you would like to help. Coming up: Recognition for Family Promise volunteers on Sat. Apr. 17; 10 am at First Presbyterian Church.

Please Share your Worship Talents! - Calling all singers, musicians, readers, worship leaders, preachers, speakers, etc. If you have a gift, a testimonial, or a story to share to enhance our worship services for Easter and beyond, please see Pastor Bryce. **Please note:** Off-site worship at Thornapple Manor begins again Thursday, April 15 at 1:30 pm.

Special thanks to the following singers, musicians and technicians for enhancing our Easter worship today: Ted Robbins, James Borton, Shelia Huis, Tom Huis, Denny Gaskill, Bob Lowell, Randy Kozan, Margaret Hollenbeck, Rebecca Beasley, Charlotte Mohler, Dorothy Schaefer, Jenn Bechtel and Eileen Feighner.

Easter Flowers Provided By:

Jennifer & Jason Bechtel-in memory of Norma Bechtel, Dorothy Gregory, Gloria Gregory & the Kuhry's Marjory Richards - in memory of my mother, father and sister Joie Perry – in memory of Anne & Ray Bratton Judy & Randall Schaefer in honor of their nieces – Bonnie Guest, Amy Miller Joie Perry – in memory of Charlie & Kate Smith Dan & Mindy Shepler – in memory of John & Barb Schultz, Art & Nella Shepler Joie Perry – in memory of David Leroy Perry Bryce & Eileen Feighner – in honor of Owen & Dorothy Carrigan, Ken & Janet Feighner Janet Day - in memory of Wendell Day Joie Perry – in memory of Grandma Ina Perry & Grandpa Dr. Burton Perry Ed Solomon – in memory of Malcolm & Edith Robinson, Curtis & Vernelva Solomon Joie Perry – in memory of Great Aunt Juna Martin Margaret Hollenbeck – in memory of Larry Hollenbeck, our parents, past saints of this church Joie Perry – in memory of Cay & Lynn Perry