

# Easter Sunday Bulletin for April 4, 2021

## Easter Sunday

Please be advised:  
Pastor Rolland's  
cell phone number is:  
(815) 718-3022.

Also, Rolland's work e-mail  
address is now:

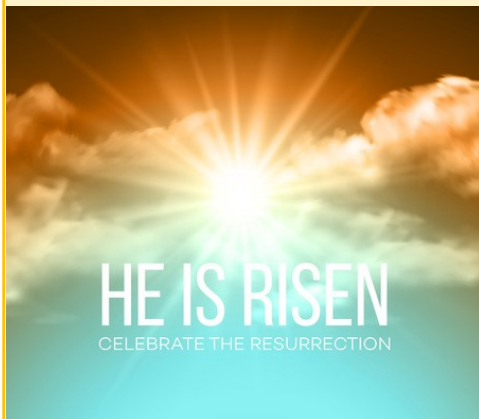
**Rev.Rhay@gmail.com**

## In-Service Info

Due to COVID  
regulations, our  
in-service Worship cannot  
exceed 35-38 attendees.  
This is why we ask you to  
reserve your spot  
in church before Sunday.

--Please be aware that  
currently, the lift is not  
working.

--If you are not  
feeling well or have been  
exposed to Covid, please  
view through Zoom!  
Thank you.



## Worship Service in-Church Today —The service is also Live via Zoom

The Link, Meeting ID and Passcode are attached with the bulletin.

--We will not be able to sing,  
congregate or visit.

--Come in, be seated and when the service is  
over, go ahead and exit.

--Some pews are taped off  
for social distancing.

Please observe social distancing and  
wear a mask. Thank you.



## LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie C.  
Darin D.  
Derek P.  
David D.  
Melanie M.  
Peg H.  
Rachel (friend of Betty H.)  
Rose L.  
Sandy S.



## FAMILY OF...(DECEASED)

Pauline Lawhorn



*Please e-mail your prayer requests by Thursday if  
possible, so that we can keep the prayer list up to date!  
Thank you.*

**ROCKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Order of Worship — Easter Sunday**  
**April 4, 2021**

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: This is the Great and Joyous Day!*  
*Come, let us celebrate, for Christ is Risen!.*

**People: The tomb is empty, death is not the last word.**  
**Christ is Risen indeed!**

*Leader: Sing songs of praises.*  
*Jesus Christ is alive!*

**People: This is the day that God has made.**  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**ALL: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*(Pass the Peace of Christ)*

*Pastor: The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.*  
*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**People: And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Come, Christians Join to Sing"*

*(5 Stanzas only)*

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!  
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!

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!

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!

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!

**INVOCATION**

Great and Everlasting God, Whose love endures forever, hear our call. We have gathered here today to ask for Your Holy Presence and to praise You in different ways we can. We also come in remembrance of Your triumphant entry in Jerusalem but also to reflect on the suffering that You endured on the way to Calvary. As we continue to worship You this morning, renew and revive our minds and hearts in service, for the Glory of Lord Jesus, our Savior, **Amen.**

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## SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**Pastor**

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**New Testament**

Mark 11:1-11

*(Please rise, if you are able)*

Matthew 27:11-31

**\*Response: Thy Word Is a Lamp” (Refrain Only)**

TUMH#601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path.

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**CHOIR VOCAL TRIO** “Because He Lives” **Melinda Croisant, Roberta Hoover, Pastor**

**MEDITATION** “Blessed are Those Who Walk with Faith in Their Hearts”  
Pastor Rolland Hayag

### OFFERTORY INVITATION

**Pastor**

Hear the words about giving in which generosity is rewarded, from

**2 Corinthians 9:11** “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in Thanksgiving to God.”

**OFFERING** *(Ushers will bring the offering plate into the Sanctuary while the Hymn of Response music is played)*

**\*Hymn Response** “Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts” TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.

### \*OFFERATORY PRAYER

**Pastor**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

“He Lives”

TUMH #310

(1.) I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near.

**Refrain:** He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives!

Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

2.) In all the world around me I see His loving care, and though my heart grows weary I never will despair. I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast; The day of His appearing will come at last. **(Refrain)** *(Cont'd. —>)*

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3.) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift-up your voice and sing. Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**Pastor**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ~~ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

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### **BEWARE OF PHISHING SCAM!!!**

A heads-up that scammers continue to be busy: Beware of scam emails pretending to be the Bishop or a DS. First check the email address that is connected to a familiar name - **if you receive emails from the Bishop or a DS that are not from @umcnic.org, that is spam. Do not respond.** Our conference communications director also asks that we forward those to [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org). Then delete the email.

*Debbie Rogers, Regional Administrative Assistant, NIC UMC*

Cell: 630-465-2941 [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org)

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### **Thank You from Peg Hayelan:**

**My birthday was last month and I want to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, and messages!**

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### **On the Hunt for our Lawnmower**

**From John Carleton**

**The Trustees are looking for the gray-Craftsman**

**(we think its Craftsman) lawn mower that was in the garage at the Parsonage.**

**If you should know where it is or what may have happened to it, please contact the Church Office or John Carleton. Thank you!**

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### **Big Thank You from Nancy Bielema!**

**I would like to thank my church family for their thoughts, prayers, cards and food given to me. I lost my brother-in-law and wife, along with an aunt, to Covid. My brother died of brain cancer, and my sister-in-law to Alzheimer's. A sister had successful cancer surgery!**

