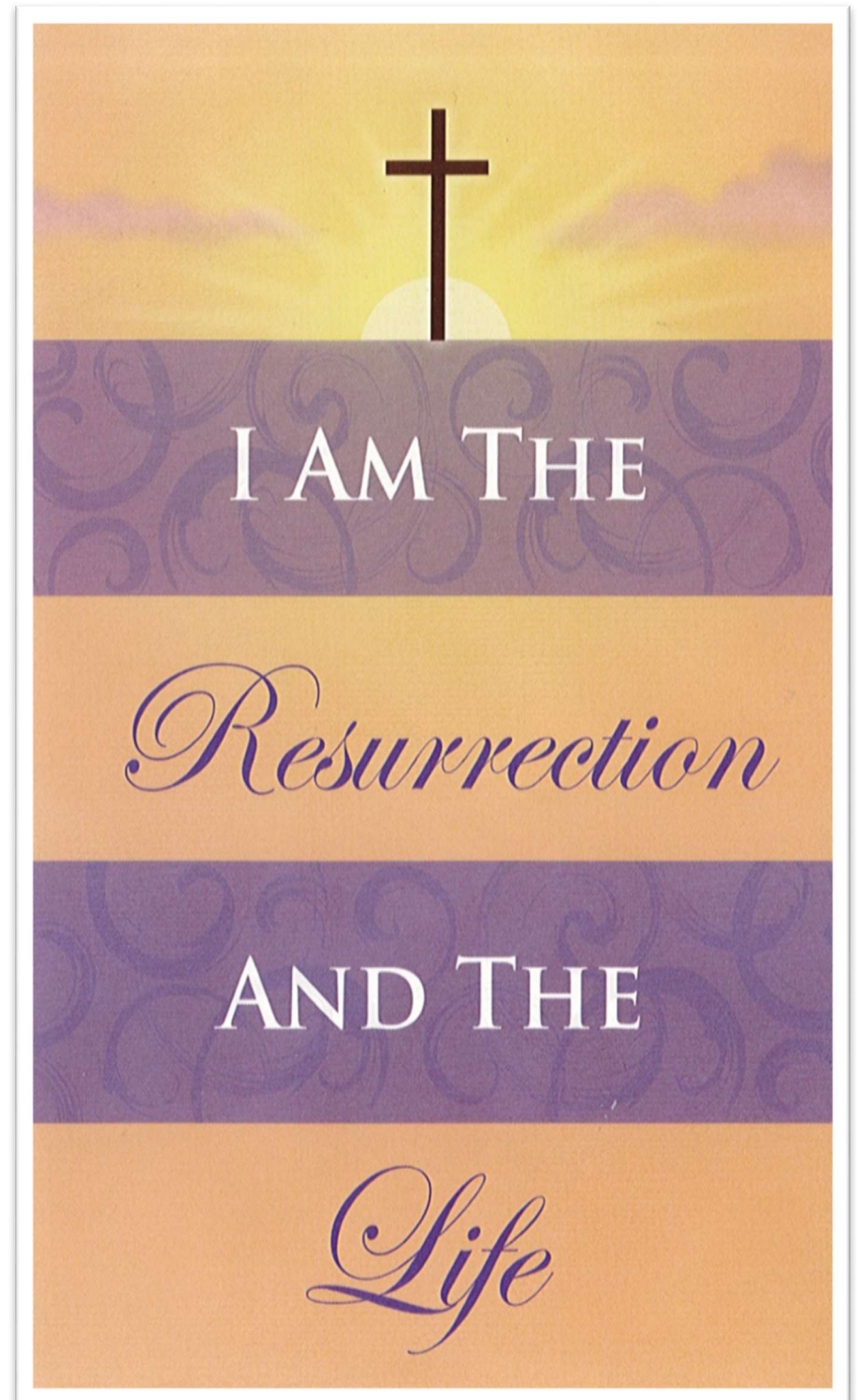




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April 4, 2021
Easter Day

* - Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

PRELUDE *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* Palestrina
Jeff and Barb Hunt, handbells

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION John 20:1-18 (NRSV)
Read by Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler, and Sarah Kate Walkup

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher, Bob Asman, Mary Wilkins*, sister of Barb Hunt (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of Gary McClendon; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of Sandy Carbonaro; *Will Styblo*, nephew of Jim Styblo and Catherine Mason (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: relatives of Rev. Betty Lines who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder and family, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant* (sister of Betty Lines).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.



Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

Rod Carnes, Dylan and Kate Keeler, Kyra and McKenna Rook, Musicians & Singers.

The flowers in the chancel area today are given by various families noted in the floral tribute insert.

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast.

Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to "Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary" and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

The Prayer Corner:

Christian sympathy is extended to *Peter Craig* in the death of his grandmother, *Peggy Petrillo*, on March 25 in Waterbury.

Christian sympathy is extended to *Father Jim Gregory*, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish, in the death of his father, *James P. Gregory*, on March 25 in Manchester, CT.

Upcoming surgery: *Liam McGrath* (April 7 at New York Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, New York City)

In the hospital: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford); *Amelia Eager*, a friend of the Temple family (heart surgery on March 24 at Boston Children's Hospital)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; Brett Toomes* (fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman*); *Sue Vindigni, Amber Craig; John Fleming; Josh Harwood; Gary McClendon; Steve Thomas; Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig; Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*.

said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THE RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Virtual Choir

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Sarah Kate Walkup, Liturgist

based on John 20

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

God of hope, in the midst of death, you call forth life. When all hope seemed gone, you raised Jesus from the grave. We come before you today, longing for your life-giving presence. God of new life, raise us up with all your people. Lift us from the tombs of our despair and doubt, that we may rejoice in your power over death. God of joy, fill our hearts with alleluias as we sing your praises. Glory to God. Amen!

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by the Cloud family

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Thomason

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

Read by Kate Keeler

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and

with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Resurrecting* Elevation Worship

Praise Team:

Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate and Dylan Keeler,
Kyra and McKenna Rook

SERMON *The Last Words of Christ* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON based on John 20
The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021

God of life and love, like Peter, we gaze into the empty tomb and see only death. Like Mary, we stand weeping over loss. We so often feel hopeless. We don't recognize any possibility for joy. Surprise us with your work in the world. May we dry our tears, as we dance into new life. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

The risen Jesus offers forgiveness of sins in his name. Rejoice, Jesus gives you new life. **Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* Richard Willis
Sarah Kate Walkup, soloist

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Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of April 1, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is Easter Sunday on the Christian calendar. This day inaugurates the Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, which begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used on special days and seasons specifically honoring Christ.

On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Table is open to all persons who seek to follow Christ, regardless of age or denominational background. An offering plate is located at the rear of the sanctuary to receive donations to our church's benevolence fund.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Liturgist; *Rod Carnes* and *Kate Keeler*, Readers; *the Cloud family*, Children's Time Leaders; *Barb* and *Jeff Hunt*, Handbells; *Matt Bodwell*,

In loving memory of the over 500,000 people who lost their lives to COVID and in honor of all caregivers and front liners; from the Hibbard family.

In loving memory of our parents & our brothers; from Rae Ann & Jay Hockenberry.

In loving memory of my mother-in-law, Jane M. King; from Joann King.

In loving memory of my husband, William H. Lines and my parents, James & Janetta Airlie; from Pastor Betty Lines.

In celebration of all who serve during times of crisis; from Rynn Naylor.

In loving memory of our parents; Alyce & Rev. Joseph Bishop, Lew Shay, and Arthur & Elizabeth Ayars; from Carolyn & Chris Shay.

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER

from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

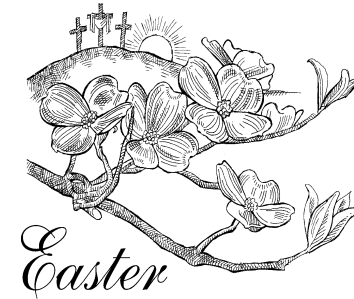
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING SONG *Forever* Kari Jobe
 Praise Team

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

*POSTLUDE *Overcome* Elevation Worship
 Praise Team



The beautiful Easter flowers which adorn our sanctuary are given;

In loving memory of Lillian Beavers; from Rev. Paul Beavers, Sr., and the Beavers family.

In loving memory of our parents; George & Marion Brencher, Ray & Ginny Fairty, and Sally & Buck Pedrick from Lynne & Dave Brencher.

In loving memory of all our family members; from The Rev. Dr. Stuart and Laura Brush.

In loving memory of my parents, Shirley & Domenic Lombardo, husband & father, Richard D. Craig and in celebration of all my kids and grands too; from Kathy Craig

In loving memory of my parents, John & Cecile McKenna; from Lynn Cullen.