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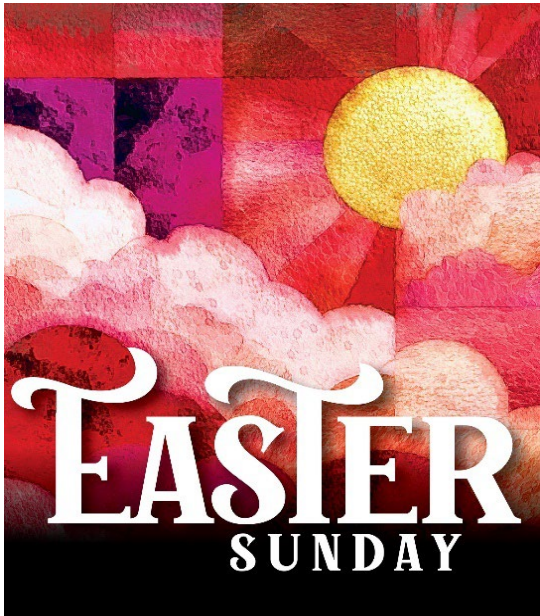
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April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunday



GATHERING/WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny Tucker

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

*SONG OF PRAISE

UMH#302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” v. 1,2,3,4

1. 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!	2. 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!
3. 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!	4. 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!

Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.

A YEAR WITH GOD: *We color Easter white because it is the time we celebrate the mystery that Jesus died but is still with us.*

CENTERING PRAYER SONG: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH#349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, (wonderful face,)	and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.
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CONFESSION: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader to people:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people: Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

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Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10: 34-43

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³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put

him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SONG OF PREPARATION: “In the Garden” v. 1

UMH #314

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

SCRIPTURE: John 20: 1-18

Pastor Laura

20 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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON: Spread the News!

Pastor Laura

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “We sang Our Glad Hosannas” v. 4,5

FWS # 2111

***SONG OF THANKS: Doxology**

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***SONG OF COMMITMENT:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” v. 1,2,4

UMH #327

<p>1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.</p>	<p>2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.</p>
<p>4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.</p>	

SENDING FORTH – BLESSING

**This service is live-streamed on
Youtube.com/@fumcmason**

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MH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing; W&S=Worship and Song

Assisting in Worship

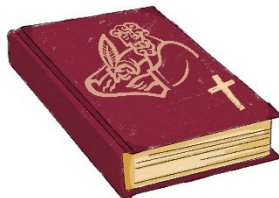
Lay Reader: Jenny Tucker

Ushers: Winfred Bauer

Organist/Pianist: Chris Farmer Music Leader: Leslie Whitworth

Acolytes: Wyatt Holcombe, Marin Whitworth

**Please sign Russell Watson’s Bible
In the Social Hall**



Don’t forget the city - Wide garage sale, April 11th, in the Social Hall starting @ 8:00 am. Please bring your donations between April 6th and April 10th, place items in the Social Hall, Thank you for your support.

Questions for Reflection

When Mary Magdalene first saw the resurrected Jesus, she did not recognize him, even though she knew the tomb was empty. Have you ever experienced the presence of the risen Christ, even when you were not expecting him? Are there times you have been in the presence of the risen Christ but have not recognized him? How would you know?

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing "alleluia." Amen.



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, let's pray for: the family of: Gene Zesch, Jay L Marek, Billy C Mikeska, Scott Balmos, Joe H Luna, Anne Chappell, Mike Morquecho.

The following individuals: Barbara Young, Judy Cordes, Susan Coe, Frank Brown, Mary Polk, Mary Freytag. George Eastes, renal/kidney issues), Lisa Polk, Bill Hart, Tammy Parrish, Shirley Beth Lyles, Marty Evans (son of Dennis & Kay Evans) Rick & Bonnie Woerner (Father & Stepmother of Tiffany K.), Dan Feather, Katherine Graham (friend of Nikki Watson diagnosed w/ cancer), LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), Aubrey Burrow, Kash (Rodney Fleming's grandson), Connar Reardon, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, the church, the homeless, and all those affected by war and natural disasters.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military. U.S. Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer **US Marine Corp:** Hunter Goodwin, Kellen Sawyer. **USAF:** Matt Adam **US Navy:** Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe.

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Giving and Attendance	
LAST WEEK'S GIVING (MARCH 29, 2026)	\$ 2,785.88
MARCH. MTD GIVING.....	\$42,631.27
MARCH. MTD EXPENSE.....	\$29,737.41
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (MARCH 29, 2026)	53



Virtual Eastertide Lily Parade 2026

During the season of Eastertide, I'd like to invite you to participate in a special offering to the work of the Risen Christ in our church. We will have a virtual lily parade in honor or in memory of loved ones and special life-affirming moments. A minimum gift of \$15 will be appreciated for each 'Lily' that you would like to add to our parade.

You are welcome to bring or send a special Easter Offering to the church or give online. Please designate Lily Parade on your gift if you would like to join the parade. Also send an email or attach the name to be listed with your lily:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Life Affirming Moment _____

Church office: officemgr@fumcmason.org

The Virtual Lily Parade will run from Easter to Pentecost. A few lilies will be purchased for the sanctuary to enhance our worship space. Let us celebrate the 50 Days of Easter!

This week's Calendar

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Sunday

Prayer Shawl Sunday

07:00 AM Sunrise Service @ Hilda UMC

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt – FUMC Courtyard

Flowering of the Cross

11:00 AM Easter Worship Service

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts

Birthday: Kathy Kerr

Monday, April 6

Office Closed

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM Steady Steps Chapel

10:30 AM Nurture Committee Meeting

3:45 After school Chapel

Wednesday, April 8

Birthday: Dennis Evans

10:00 AM Chair Yoga

12:00 PM Girl Squad

06:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 9

Birthday: Martha Vacek, Tami Smith

Friday, April 10

10:00 am. Chair Yoga

Saturday, April 11

8:00 AM City – Wide garage sale

Sunday, April 12th

Noisy Bucket Offering Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 – 5:00 pm Boy Scouts

Birthday: Nikki Watson