

Sunday, April 4, 2021

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

*Happy Easter – Christ has risen...*

PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HYMN: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 302

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: This is the day that sees Christ rise.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: This is the day of new beginnings, for Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN: *Up From the Grave He Arose* 322

**OPENING PRAYER**

**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**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

April 4<sup>th</sup> Linda Thesing-Hall

April 11<sup>th</sup> Don Peterson

April 18<sup>th</sup> Norma Purkat

**USHER SCHEDULE – no ushers at this time**

April 4<sup>th</sup> Linda Thesing-Hall and Mary Thesing

April 11<sup>th</sup> John Malevich

April 18<sup>th</sup> Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup> John and Norma

April 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Jagunich

April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Malevich

Scripture Readings for next week (April 11<sup>th</sup>)

Psalm 133 (UMH 839)

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-22

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to everyone who donated plants/flowers for our Easter garden this morning on the altar.

Plants is in memory of:

Mitzi Malevich from John and Sue Malevich...

Steve and Helen Skalko from Barb and Bob Kern and Sue and John Malevich...

Steve and Lois Kerzie and Suzanne (Kerzie) Traaseth from Deanna and Tom Hafdahl...

Norma Purkat's mom and dad...

AND sharing the love and blessings of sons and their families by Norma Purkat...

**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**

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively – page 839 UMH)

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE

PEOPLE

Silent prayers...

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. AMEN**

HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Acts 10:34-43

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20:1-18

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Lou

HYMN: *Thine Be the Glory*

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**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**AMEN**

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the “Alleluia!” morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, “I have seen the Lord!” We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed**

**us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, we pray.**

**AMEN**

HYMN: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

HYMN: *More Like You*

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POSTLUDE