

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 31, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate with sincerity and truth. Christ is alive and offers new life to us.

We want to celebrate the good news, but the world does not believe our story.

God's promises come in the midst of our doubts; God's assurances are real despite our troubles.

God calls us now to this time of worship. Praise God, praise Christ! Let everything that breathes praise the Risen Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, the earth is shaken and nothing is the same. Defeat is turned to victory; death is overcome by life; the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Meet us here, O God, amid events beyond our own understanding. You appear to us from afar, yet touch us where we are. Your love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now. Faithful God, we come seeking the things that are above, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH 302++

(During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come forward to place a flower on the cross)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM "Thine Is the Glory" Arr. Susan E. Geschke

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18 NT p. 114

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "In the Garden" UMH 314++

SERMON "Defined by Love"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Crown Him!" Dale Peterson

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, for the goodness you bestow, for the truth you reveal, for the acceptance you offer, we give you thanks. All that is ours, is yours. Help us to live that truth. Accept these offerings as our expressions of renewed commitment through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Thine Be the Glory" UMH 308++

***SENDING FORTH**

Darkness has lifted, and light has come to us.

God is building us into a faithful community.

We have experienced anew faith's transforming power.

God sends us out as witnesses to resurrection.

Christ is risen: what a joyous moment!

Christ is risen! Tell the world! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

GREETER | Liz Steen

LITURGIST | Jack Donson

FLOWERS | *see insert*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR | join us downstairs after worship

*Christ
is
Risen!*

PRAYER LIST: Kevin Cornine, Sr., Richard, Alex, and Maria Wormser, Bobbie Myer, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, Noah Shevlin, Stephanie Hartman, Jane Frey, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Ernie Balch, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jenn will be on vacation April 1 through April 10.

If you have a Pastoral Emergency, please contact
Rev. Sungduk Kim of Dingmans Ferry UMC Church Office #570-828-2288

*The church office will be closed TOMORROW -
Monday, April 1 for the Easter holiday.*



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