



May 12, 2024

"We Are the Resurrection"

Seventh Sunday of Easter • Ascension Sunday

– Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 –

Faith United Methodist Church

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Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship

One: From where we are to where you need us,

Many: Jesus, now lead on.

One: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Many: Jesus, now lead on.

One: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

Many: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

Many: Jesus, now lead on.

Opening Hymn

“The Risen Christ”

W&S 3179

Opening Prayer

**Many: O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“O Breath of Life”

Baby Bells

Creating Connections

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Gloria Gurtin

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Hymn of Preparation

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH 555

Sermon

“We Are the Resurrection”

Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Special Music

Church Conference

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen! We, your Easter people, celebrate with amazement the gift of Jesus' resurrection. Our joy is unending!
 Today, we have received again the greatest gift that you have to offer— the gift of redemption and the promise of everlasting life.
 We renew our commitment to our faith.
 As a sign of our gratitude, we give generously of ourselves and of our possessions.
 May this money change ordinary lives into extraordinary lives filled with the hope and promise of Easter. In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

Deconsecration of Church Building

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: Blessed be the name of God,
 whose Word has long been proclaimed within this hallowed place.

Many: **(R)** We give you thanks, O God.

One/R: As generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises here,
 your Spirit has blessed countless worshipers. **R**

We have celebrated the Lord's Supper here
 and been nurtured by it through our journey in faith. **R**

We have rejoiced here as believers have confessed faith in Christ. **R**

Here we have baptized our children and mourned our dead. **R**

As new families have been created through marriage, we, our parents, and
 our children have vowed at this altar to love, honor, and cherish always. **R**

From within these walls many have gone out to serve you in the world. **R**

As we go now from this house into a further journey of faith,
Many: we give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

Declaration of Deconsecration

Closing Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH 664

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy citations:

Call to Worship: Wild Goose Resource Group, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc; Worship and Song Resources 163

Opening Prayer: Written by Ruth Duck; United Methodist Book of Worship 464

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Written by David Bell; Worship and Song Resources 119

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