

Easter Lilies in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One

*denotes in LifeSong display

IN MEMORY OF ...

Marion & Kate Adams by Jimmy Adams

Richard Andrews, brother of Peggie Ruben
by Patsy & Don Miller

Walt Davis by his family

Ronnie Deese by Shirley Deese

Jean Dome by Tom & Susan Dent

Hubert Gray by Frank & Cynthia Gray

George Hensley by Wandra Hensley and family

Jim & Edna Inman by Kevin & Dianne Smiley

Thomas Johnson by Frank & Cynthia Gray

Beverly Kunze by Wayne, Deborah, Michael and Mitchell Kunze

Eugene and Gladys Kunze by Wayne & Deborah Kunze

Albert & Martha Kilgore by John & Galan Potter

Our mothers by Mickey & Peggie Ruben

Nikki Nance by Alan Nance

Dr. Rocky L. Napier by Jewel Napier

Dot & Johnny Ouzts by Barbara & Bob Sweeney

Our parents by Sharon & Jim Fernstrom

Our parents by Linda & Don Smith

Our parents: Doris Gaillard, Leland Moore, Myrtle and Damon Haley
by Cindy & Damon Haley

John P. Potter, Sr by John & Galan Potter

Dan Rushton by Patsy & Don Miller

David Sargent by his sister, brother-in-law, & nieces: Laura, David, Jordan, Ashlyn,
Reagan & Lauren Lusk

***John Steele** by his children and grandchildren

Jason Thompson by his sister, brother-in-law & nieces: Lauren, David, Jordan, Ashlyn,
Reagan & Lauren Lusk

Charlie Timmons by Patsy & Don Miller

Audrey Watson by Patsy & Don Miller

Erin Williams, Sr. by Hope Williams and family

Lilies on the Cross in loving memory of:

Lawrence & Grace Cross

Ralph & Pam Hall

Carl Nicholson

Ralph & Christine Pope

George & Otella Washington

IN HONOR OF ...

Jean Dome by Tom & Susan Dent

***Mark Kokovich** by Lorelee Kokovich

Our children and grandchildren by Sharon & Jim Fernstrom

***Mike, Pam & Evan Pope**

***Jeff, Ginger, Katie, Heather & Ashley Pope**

***Christi, Amnor & Makay Markwalter** by Jim Liz Pope

Zachary, Stuart, Michelle & Elizabeth Rawlinson by Pam & Rodney Rawlinson

Stillwell class teachers by Gary & Jane Street

Stillwell SS class teachers by Jewel Napier

***MerJo & Gamewell Watson** by Mark & Lorelee Kokovich

The Wesley Center Kitchen Volunteers by Pam & Rodney Rawlinson

Barry & Bev Whitney by Shirley Deese



This Week at Grace

We promise to uphold Grace United Methodist Church with our prayers,
our gifts, our worship and our service.

Our Prayers:

April 1, 2021

Mike Long, Tommy Pearce, Harold Crook, Horace Sweat, Jim McGough, Judy Cox,
Tom Willis, Tori Weathersby, Judy Murphy, Martha Claire Farmer

NHC Rehab:

Bobby Oliver

Sympathy to:

Barbara (Tom) Ulmer in the death of her uncle, Bill Howard, on 3/29 in Thompson

OUR GIFTS:

The Lord's Treasury

2021 General Budget

Revenues year to date, from Jan. 1 - March 28 \$347,395.87

2021 budget \$1,299,496.00

Have you made your pledge to the General Budget for the 2021 year?

Thanks to those who already have!

You can still pick up "My 2021 Pledge" card in the Narthex/ church exits or, at the church office, or if
you received yours by mail, returning it by one of the following ways:

- ♦ emailing Marianne Harlan at marianne@gotgraceumc.org,
- ♦ mailing it to the church
- ♦ dropping it off

CHURCH CALENDAR



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES and Special Events, April 4

- 7AM Sunrise Service at "The WAY", corner of Randall & Sweetwater Rd.
- 8:30 Gathering, Sanctuary
- 8:45 LifeSong, Wesley Center
- Children's Butterfly Release after the LifeSong service, steps of the Sanctuary
- 11:00 Traditional, Sanctuary

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Education Committee Mtg., April 18, 5:30 PM, Journey SS class
- Stewardship Committee Mtg., April 19, 5PM, Journey SS class
- UMM (United Methodist Men) Program, April 26, 6:30 PM, Wesley Center
- Outreach / Evangelism, April 27, 6PM, Journey SS class

I am pleased to announce that Michael Keltz has accepted the position as GUMC Contemporary Worship Director. The SPRC coordinated a two month long search for potential candidates, and a panel representing multiple GUMC groups and staff interviewed three excellent candidates for the job. Michael's first official day leading LifeSong Contemporary Worship will be Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Please join me in welcoming Michael back to the GUMC staff!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Stafford

Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

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830 Gathering Service

Celebrating Worship

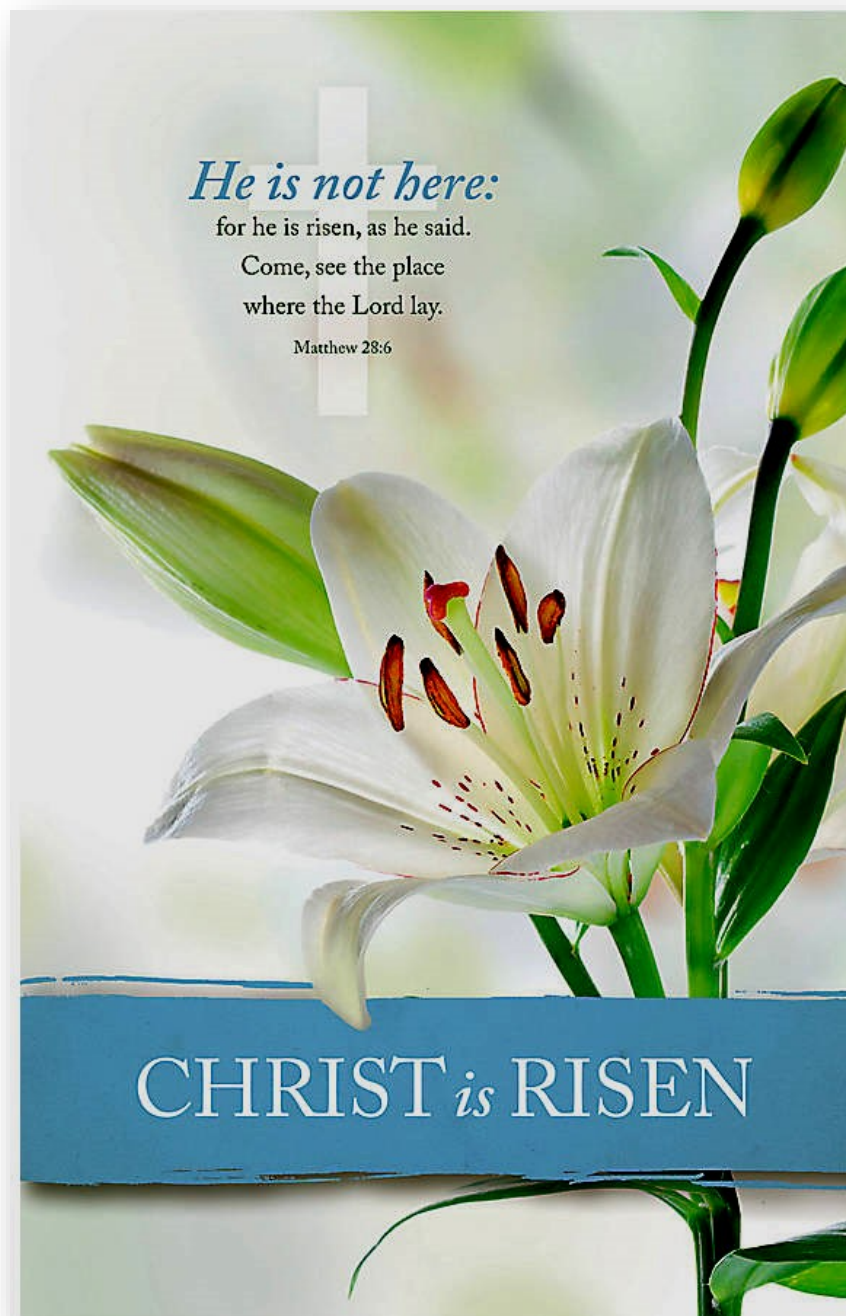


He is not here:

for he is risen, as he said.

Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6



CHRIST is RISEN

April 4, 2021

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

830 Gathering Service, Sanctuary

Welcome

Rev. Randall Haase

Invitation to God's Word

Call to Worship

Leader O magnify the Lord with me and let's exalt God's name together.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Church And also with you.

Leader Why are you weeping?

Church We came seeking joy, but we are shrouded in darkness.

Leader Whom are you looking for?

Church We are looking for Jesus, but the tomb is empty.

Leader Set your mind on things above and listen for the voice of God.

Church Our grief is too near.

Leader Christ has risen!

Church Christ has risen?

Leader Christ has risen indeed!

Church Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Invitation

Hymn of Invitation *Christ the Lord Has Risen Today* Hymn 302
(4 verses)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God,
you are the author of life, the power of our salvation.

When our strength fails,
lift us and carry us onto the path of faithful living.

When, with sinful ways and closed hearts,
we reject your salvation, set our minds on you,
that we may return to your loving presence
and recognize your guiding light.

When, with fearful souls and angry spirits,
we choose death and despair, raise us up to new life,
that we may be children of the resurrection,
the Easter people you see in us.

We pray in the forgiving name of the risen Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

You shall not die, for in Christ, you shall live!
For everyone who believes
receives forgiveness of sins through Christ's name.
Alleluia!

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you.
Church And also with you.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

Anthem

David Rose, soloist

Pastoral Prayers and The 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. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Hymn of Proclamation *Easter People, Raise Your Voice* Hymn 304

Easter people raise your voices
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices
Heavenly music let it ring
Alleluia alleluia. Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe
Alleluia alleluia. On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter
With its resurrection song
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong
Alleluia alleluia. See the power of heavenly throngs

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65: 17-25

New Testament Reading 1 John 1: 1-7

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise God in his mighty firmament!
Praise God for his mighty deeds;
praise God for his exceeding greatness!
Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!
Praise God with sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19-31

Sermon

"Before and Now"

Rev. Randall Haase

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of Commitment *Thine Be the Glory* Hymn 308

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Affirmation of Faith for Lent

**We believe in an Easter God, who loves each of us so completely that
an amazing sacrifice was given to transform us into a people of light.
We believe in the risen Christ, who showed us how to live as a people of light.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who encourages us to live joyfully in the light.
We believe that we are God's Easter people, resurrected and renewed.
Alleluia!**

◆ Announcements

◆ The Blessing

*David Rose, Song Leader
Dee Dee Carn, Pianist*

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