

The liturgical color is white for Celebration, joy, purity, and victory

PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" arr. Joel Raney
Amy Bender, organ; Bonnie Budziak, piano; Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Laurie Babcock
The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
Mary came, weeping in the garden, but heard her name called in love.
We come, seeking the Lord, and find that he is alive!
The Risen One walks among us, speaking peace, breathing Spirit, offering life.
Let us worship the Living Christ with joy and wonder!
This is the day the Lord has made!
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER
Risen Lord, We gather with hearts full of wonder and praise. You have rolled away the stone and shattered the silence of the tomb. You have called us by name, just as you called Mary in the garden. Let the light of this day pour into our lives—dispelling doubt, renewing hope, and awakening faith. Where fear lingers, speak peace. Where death once ruled, declare victory. Where questions remain, reveal your presence. By your Spirit, breathe new life into us, that we may worship you in truth and joy, and go forth as witnesses to your resurrection love. Through Christ, who lives and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 NRSV, p. 815

ANTHEM "Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)" arr. Steven Strite
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "This Is the Time to Sing" Mary McDonald

***DOXOLOGY #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" UMH 306

SCRIPTURE John 20:11-18, p. 768

MESSAGE "Is It Real?"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Thine Be the Glory" UMH 308

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE**
"Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Cathy DeRousse



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Traditional Worship

April 20, 2025

At Mentor United Methodist Church,
our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered
discipleship through connection & love.



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