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The Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

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March 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ringling of the Church Bells

Choral Introit

Let Us Rejoice

Chancel Choir

Words of Welcome, Announcements and Signing of Registration Pads

***Call to Worship**

Leader Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Leader Darkness has been vanquished!

People **THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

Leader Those who went to the tomb received good news.

People **Christ was not there!**

Leader Christ is risen from the dead!

People **Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen! Amen!**

***Hymn**

[Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#)

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Easter Prayer (in Unison)

We gather, O God, in your presence to rejoice in the light of the empty tomb. The stone has been rolled away, both from the mouth of the tomb and from the depths of our hearts. We have learned to live in the power of the risen Christ. We have grown daily in the presence of our risen Savior.

Some of us, however, have joined us today after a long winter of the soul. We have struggled to breathe in the chill wind of adversity. We have been unable to grow anything in the barren fields of doubt and fear. We have trembled and shivered as we have struggled to sense the warmth of your love. We come to the empty tomb with an expectant hope in our hearts and the prayer of faith on our lips. We are confident that you are about to do a new thing, O God. We believe that the stone, which we struggle to move ourselves, is about to be blown out of its ruts. We look for an encounter with the risen Christ, and to that end we bow in worship, and worship in wonder, and wonder in faith, and have faith in you. Amen.

Anthem

Crown Him

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. McDonald

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Anthem He Lives Chancel Choir

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Majestic One, today we celebrate the miracle that was created for all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love. The unconditional love that you repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children. Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven become more of a reality on Earth. Glory Hallelujah! Amen and amen.

Offertory Music Kathi Hielt

***Hymn** [Christ Is Risen](#) #307

Scripture [Mark 16:1-8](#)

Special Music Kathi Hielt

Message The Stone was Rolled Away Rev McDonald

***Hymn** [Up from the Grave He Arose](#) #322

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today 9:00a.m. Heart of Worship in the Social Hall
11:00a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/Facebook Live Stream

Looking Ahead

Apr 2 nd	10:00 a.m.	United Women in Faith – Social Hall
Apr 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Apr 3 rd	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Mission (every Wednesday) – Ward Room
Apr 4 th	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Grief Share (13 wks every Thursday) – Social Hall
Apr 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl – Rm #58
Apr 13 th	9:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men Breakfast – Social Hall
Apr 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Social Hall
Apr 29 th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board Mtg – Social Hall

Grief Share

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult things we will ever have to experience in this life. If you've lost a loved one, life for you may become confusing, overwhelming and even unbearable. You want to feel whole again, but the pain is so great you wonder if you will ever be healed. You don't feel like you have the energy to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Our Lord Jesus understands how we feel when we lose someone we love. John tells us, "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'" John 11:33-36

This will be the fourth 13-week Grief Share program to be offered for the people of Glen Burnie UMC and the community. There have been 91 members of the church die since July 2016.

Here are a few of the things you can expect in a Grief Share recovery support group: 1) You will find that there are people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences; 2) You will get to watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects; 3) After viewing the video you will spend time as a support group discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your life; 4) You will have a workbook for personal study of the grieving process and to help you sort out your emotions through journaling; 5) You will discover hope for the future.

Grief Share will start on Thursday, April 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Peace,

Pastor Ken