

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

April 17, 2022 ♦ Easter Sunday

*Indicates please rise, in body or spirit.

OPENING WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! McFarland UCC is Open and Affirming to people of all ages, races, physical and mental abilities, economic positions, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We celebrate and share God's unconditional love by offering the opportunity for membership, fellowship and leadership to everyone.

***AN EASTER LITANY**

One: How good it is to be together this Easter morning. We all need to be reminded that this world, as painful and crushing as it can be, is also full of joy and laughter and resilience and hope.

All: *Easter reminds us that nothing is more powerful than the Love of God.*

One: In the midst of all the things that beat us up and knock us down. In the face of every kind of injustice and cruelty and disrespect.

All: *Easter reminds us that nothing is more powerful than the Love of God.*

One: Although we are sometimes taken to the very end of ourselves--overwhelmed by our own losses, addictions, heartaches, challenges, and personal brokenness.

All: *Easter reminds us that nothing is more powerful than the Love of God.*

One: Although the violence and hatred of this world scoffs at integrity, honesty, kindness, justice, and compassion.

All: *Easter reminds us that nothing is more powerful than the Love of God. And so we celebrate that power today. We remind ourselves that even death cannot silence the Truth and the Love of Christ, and we commit ourselves once again to embodying and offering God's Love to the world. Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!!*

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #240 NCH

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!
Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!
Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia!
Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!*

*There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia!
Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia!
That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!*

*“Hasten now to Galilee,” Alleluia!
“Tell the others what you see!” Alleluia!
With excitement trembling, Alleluia!
Off they run, good news to bring, Alleluia!*

*Christ appears in full array, Alleluia!
Sing with joy this Paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia!
Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!*

A TIME FOR ALL AGES**TIME FOR PRAYER & THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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 and ever. Amen.

A CHORAL ANTHEM

"Sing Joyful Praise"
by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all Creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost*

A MESSAGE THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND SPOKEN WORD

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #233 NCH

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

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

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Dedicated to...

Heather Blackmore	Beth Petty
Dawn Cogger	Beatrice Love
Becky Cohen	Julius, Marilyn & Brock Wittenberg
Rick & Jean Duchrow	Our Parents
Judy Emmrich	Cathy Myers, Joyce Emmrich
Bruce & Jayne Fischer	Martin & Edith Fischer, Jay Dawley
Lavon Geasland	Don Geasland, Parents
Sue Haeffner	Adeline Haeffner
Joan Jacobson & Julie Woodward	Our Mothers
Gregg & Colleen Krattiger	John & Evelyn Krattiger, Dick Palzkill
Carol & Dave Lemke	All who are grieving
Tom & Lisa Ludwig	Roger & Jean Thomas, Mary Jane Ludwig, Glenn Ludwig
Diane Mikelbank	My parents, Joe & Esther Bertrand
Martha Olsen	Parents
Ann Ross	R. A. Elton
Sheryl Rowe	Rod Johnson
Harold Stafford	Jamie Sharling