

First Service of the Resurrection



*I'm alive forever
and always*
REVELATION 1:18

Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

*Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015
6:00 a.m.*

THE FIRST SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION

The Fire is kindled outside the Chapel at 5:55 am; building is in darkness.

The Service of Light

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, who made this most holy morning to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The paschal and congregants' candles are lit. Processional begins.

Pastor raises Paschal candle saying:

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Chapel candles are lit, lights turned on, the empty cross is revealed, processional candles extinguished.

HYMN UMH #303

“The Day of Resurrection”

The Service of the Word

First Scripture Lesson, Psalter # 839, response 2

Psalm 118:14-24

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn UMH #100, verses 1, 2, 4, 5

“God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us”

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 16: 1-8

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please be seated.

Sermon “Walking by Faith: New Life in Christ's Resurrection” *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Organ Offertory

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Let the Holy Anthem Rise”

Please rise as you are able.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

***People:* I turn to Christ.**

Pastor: Do you repent of your sins?

***People:* I repent of my sins.**

Pastor: Do you renounce evil?

***People:* I renounce evil.**

Pastor: And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God, who made the world?

***People:* I believe and trust in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ?

***People:* I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* This is the faith of the Church.**

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Bless this water as a reminder and affirmation of our baptism. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***People:* Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pastor: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, “Peace be with you!” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

***All:* And also with you. Alleluia!**

The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Blessed be God forever.

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN UMH #638

“This is the Feast of Victory”

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in our image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

***All sing:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church, delivered us from
slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been
born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread...
And so, in remembrance of your mighty deeds in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All sing: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other and one in ministry to all the world.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All sing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray,

All: 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.

Pastor: Come, eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

On your way to receiving the Holy Eucharist, you are invited to affirm your baptism by dipping your hand in the water in the baptismal font, making the sign of the cross, as a symbol of the ultimate expression of Christ's love for the world. Then come to the Supper with thanksgiving in your heart.

Communion Meditation

“O Divine Redeemer” ~ *Charles Gounod*

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #318

“Christ Is Alive”

Benediction

Jesus is alive! But, can those who “read” your life tell? Go in the power of the resurrection to live as Easter people in a Good Friday world knowing that God -- Father, Son and Spirit -- always goes with you. **Amen.**

Postlude

“Overture from Easter Oratorio” ~ *J.S. Bach*



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Youth Group will NOT meet today -- Happy Easter! We WILL meet next Sunday, April 12, from 3-5 pm. See you then!

Don't forget to turn in your reservation and payment to attend next Sunday's All-Church Dinner put on by our United Methodist Women. Proceeds support their mission fund. See enclosed flyer for more info.

Nature Camp @ Camp Reynoldswood: 6/28-7/1 for 4th-8th graders ~ Deadlines for Submitting Registration Forms to Nate: 4/12 – Qualify for Early Bird Discount Rate of \$245 Per Camper and 6/7 – Normal Rate of \$265 Per Camper Applies. Forms available in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings. Contact Nate with any Questions.

Church building is closed Monday, April 6 - Happy Easter!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - April 8th

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

- Ministry in the Dining Room

*It's not too late to join us as we venture into Rick Warren's 'The Daniel Plan,' a group study where we will help encourage each other to make lasting and healthy lifestyle changes while growing in Christ. **Read Chapter 7 in preparation for this evening's session.** Nate Merchant & Teresa Field are co-leading the sessions.*

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults
- Mats for the Homeless in Room 4 across from the Dining Room

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

- Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room \$3/person; \$10 max/family

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor



Next Sunday, April 12th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There will be an insert next week to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Turn in Garden Bazaar orders & payment by next Sunday, April 12.

Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé. All are welcome to come and enjoy a peaceful time in which you can sit and listen or participate as you feel moved to do so.

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday EASTER SUNDAY

04/05 **6:00 am** **Easter Sunrise Service in the Chapel**
 8:45 Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
 10:00 **Easter Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary**

Mon 04/06 Church Building is Closed - Happy Easter!

Tue 04/07 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
 9:00 "Ugly Bag Ladies" in Room 205
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:30 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 **JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room**
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 04/08 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room
 5:00** **Holy COW! -- **see announcements*
 6:30 **Setup/serve Women's Crisis Center Meal**

Thu 04/09 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:00 pm **Chatterbox Supper Group @ Applebee's, 1675 E. Riverside**
 6:00 Praise Band Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Fri 04/10 8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 10:30 Image Class in the Library
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 04/11 **8:30 am** **UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles St.**

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Easter

04/12 8:45 am Adult Prayer Time in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104, Nursery
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **UMW's All-Church Spring Fling Dinner in the Dining Room**
 3:00 pm **Youth Group in the Youth Lounge**

*Please join us as we continue celebrating Christ's Resurrection
in the Sanctuary today*

10:00 Easter Celebration

Brass Ensemble

Chancel Choir

JuBellation

Children's Choir



MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>
Calvin Culpepper	<i>Pastor</i>
Miriam Castro-Rodriguez	<i>Deacon</i>
Nate Merchant	<i>Director of Christian Education</i>
Abby Logli	<i>Christian Education Intern</i>
Teresa Field	<i>Parish Nurse</i>
James Marck	<i>Director of Music</i>
Ryanne Ludington	<i>Nursery Supervisor</i>
Diane Lutmer	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
Verlette Gorman	<i>Church Co-Administrator</i>
Lorelle Wandell	<i>Church Co-Administrator</i>
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