

# Faith United Methodist Church



Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose* #322  
*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.*

**Refrain:** *Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose.*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord.*  
**Refrain**

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.*  
**Refrain**

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**R – Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a glorious heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives my counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right hand; I shall not be moved. R**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your godly one see the pit.**

You show me the path of life;

**In your presence there is fullness of joy,  
in our right hand are pleasures forevermore. R**

Hymn

*Majesty*

#176

*Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.*

*Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.*

*Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.*

*Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

**Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

**Gospel Response:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children's Time

Special Music

*He Is Lord*

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

*Into the Unknown: Peace*

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

*Gloria 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 with-out end. A-men. A-men.*

**Song of Prayer:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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.**

#### Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ   **"May the peace of Christ be with you."**

**Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.**

#### Collecting of Tithes & Offering

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### Hymn

*Lord of the Dance*

**#261**

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

**Refrain:** Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John  
They came with me and the Dance went on. **Refrain**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on the Cross to die. **Refrain**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. **Refrain**

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain**

Benediction

Benediction Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

## Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux  
 Paul Arceneaux, Jr.  
 Sidney Arceneaux  
 Kim Craigen Ard  
 Lucian Adams  
 Dolores Anderson  
 Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio  
 Shirley Battaglio  
 Linda Bergen  
 Robert & Alicia Besser  
 Lloyd Betar  
 Mary Bevil  
 Bonnie Blankenship  
 Donna Suppa Bolton  
 Jo Bordeaux  
 Pat Borel  
 Glenda Brooks  
 Mary Callahan  
 Ann Campbell  
 Norma Campbell  
 Robert & Roxie Castilaw  
 Tana Champeau  
 Rebecca Chance  
 Billie Cherry  
*Family of*  
*Michaelalan Coleman*  
 Kim Wilber Conn  
 Derick Cooper  
 Kyle & Beth Craigen  
 Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis  
 Bobbye Dean  
 Mary Delafosse  
 Tammy Dufour  
 Lane Duhe  
 Julie Duplichan  
 Jerre Edmondson  
 Joe Floyd  
 Julie & Lucy Floyd  
*Family of Vance Gerald*  
 Lorene Green  
 MaryJo Hebert  
 Christie Hale  
 Edna & Raymond Jones  
 Alice Kethley  
 Shirley Kethley  
 Kristie Key  
 Clyde Landry  
*Family of Rose Latta*  
 Gail Lauve  
 Christi Leblanc  
 Fred Ledesma  
 Alice & Louis Loftin  
 Orianna Marchand  
 Matt Markos  
 Barbara Martin  
 Lloyd Martin  
*Family of Marty McMillan*

Linda Meyers  
 Maribeth Moore  
 Ron & Michelle Mueller  
 Joyce Murphy  
 Arnold Northcut  
 Kelly Simmons Owens  
 Jim Padgett  
 John & Candance Perkins  
 Melva Phillips  
 Harlan Phipps  
 Mercedes Pierson  
 John Pool  
 Kenny Puckett  
 Buddy Renkema  
 Nikki Castilaw Rice  
 Edward Rivet  
 Randy & Darlene Rivett  
 Joann Savelle  
 Jim & Loretta Shearer  
 Brooke Simon  
 Harriet Simpson  
 James Sowell  
 Kim Streed  
 Bob Taylor  
 Loretta Thibodeaux  
 Sadina Hammock Ward  
 Mary Alice Weitzel  
 Mary Rose Williams  
 Gail Wright  
 Greta Zerasky



We are called to be:

**Transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

**Engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

**Celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

**Share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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