

Elkton United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

† 9:45 a.m. †

- Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
 - Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
 - All worshippers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.
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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE..... “ENTER WITH JOY”.....HANDBELL CHOIR

****CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: The brilliant light of hope has come!

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!

****HYMN #302 (UMH) “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY” (stanzas 1-4)**

PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we gather in the name of the Risen Christ to pour forth our praises in glad Easter celebration. We rejoice that you have not left us without hope, but have come back to us in the victory of the resurrection and given us the assurance of eternal life with Christ Jesus, the One whom you lifted from the tomb and made Lord of all. Praise be to your name for your everlasting mercy, both now and forevermore. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING“CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA”CHANCEL CHOIR

****GOSPEL LESSON, JOHN 20:1-18 (pages 114 & 115)**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

****RESPONSE #177 (UMH) “HE IS LORD”**
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SERMON “I BELIEVE” REV. KAREN F. BUNNELL

****HYMN #314 (UMH) “IN THE GARDEN”**

EASTER PRAYER AND 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.**

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS)..... “CARES CHORUS”

**I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY“I’LL HAVE A NEW LIFE” MEN’S CHOIR

****OFFERTORY RESPONSE, #94 (UMH)..“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

**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!**

****HYMN #303 (UMH)..... “THE DAY OF RESURRECTION”**

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

POSTLUDE.....“FANTASIA FOR EASTER MORNING”.....ARR. BY WHITWORTH



****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover)

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you

W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)



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