



THE PRELUDE

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” ~arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

From the darkness of the grave—blood had been poured out,
and a crown of thorns had been worn. Darkness thought that it had won.

Christ is risen indeed!

From the triumph that was won over the power of fear and death,
we celebrate what the crucifixion and the resurrection mean to us!

Christ is risen indeed!

†**HYMN of PRAISE**

“He Lives”

UMH 310

1. *I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
and just the time I need Him, He’s always near!*

*Refrain: He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!*

2. *In all the world around me I see His loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of His appearing will come at last! (repeat Refrain)*
3. *Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind. (repeat Refrain)*

†**A PRAYER for PEACE** (*unison*)

Lord of life, You defeated death to show us that we can rise from all that binds us to the world: pride, anger, fear, and the debt of sin that holds us. You defeated death to demonstrate a love that is beyond our understanding, that reaches out to us—a saving grace for all to hear!

We pray we might bring Your Word of life as a light to those in darkness, to those enslaved by fear, and to those in need of comfort.

Lord of love and light, bring us peace.

Hear us now as we silently confess our sins...

†**SILENT PRAYERS**

†**WORDS of ASSURANCE**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~meaning “Glory be to the Father” (*sung in unison*) UMH 70

Glory 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 without end! Amen! Amen!

A READING from the PSALMS

Psalm 8:1-9 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

“When My Lord Rose” ~Carl Nygard, Jr.
Fred Pershing, soloist

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*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!

†**HYMN of INVITATION**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

UMH 189

- 1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.*
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.*
- 4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

A READING from the GOSPELS

Luke 15:3-7 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

“Searching for the One”

Mr. Paul Huey

District Lay Leader, Conference Associate Lay Leader

SHARING of OUR GIFTS and TITHES

THE OFFERTORY *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”* ~arr. David Cherwien

†**THE DOXOLOGY** ~meaning “Praise be to God!” (sung in unison) **UMH 94**

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!

†**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT**

“In the Garden”

UMH 314

1. *I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with Me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

2. *He speaks and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. (repeat Refrain)*
3. *I'd stay in the garden with Him
though the night around me be falling,
but He bids me go; thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (repeat Refrain)*

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

“The Day of Resurrection” ~arr. Wilbur Held

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

(Livestream continues at 10:45; Ekklesia Worship is suspended until further notice)

Pastor's Bible Study Schedule:

The Youth Bible and the Adult Bible Studies will not meet this week.

We will resume April 19 (Youth) and April 20 (Adults).

Please continue to check our church website (greensburgfirst.org) for more updates.

Church Office hours ~ Monday thru Friday ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note: days and times may change at a moment's notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. Call 724-834-3111 with any questions.



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Do you have donations of basic necessity? Call for details at 724-837-9540 (admin. office).

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