

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

Call to Worship

Luke 12:1-9

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

*** Hymn of Praise & Celebration**

UMH #322

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

*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]*

Affirmation of Faith

UMH #888

L: This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

ALL: *Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Offertory

“The Holy City”

Susan Pedigo & Shirley Waldrum

As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.

*The Doxology

UMH # 95

*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*

Children’s Time

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

*During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the “chat” box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Hymn of Celebration

UMH #314

“In the Garden”

*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.*

*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. (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

Hymn of Preparation

UMH # 174

“His Name is Wonderful”

*His Name is Wonderful. His Name is Wonderful
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He is the Mighty King, Master of everything
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He’s the Great shepherd. The Rock of All Ages
Almighty God is He*

*Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him.
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

Message

“On the First Day”

Rev. Spore

Hymn of Discipleship

“Thine be the Glory”

UMH #308

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.*

*[Refrain:]
Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)*

*No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)*

Benediction

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday
9:50 – Sunday School
11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, April 23
No Crafts or Bible Study

Sunday, April 27
Friendship Cemetery Decoration Day – 2:00

Worship Leaders
Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor
Shirley Waldrum – Music leader
Susan Pedigo – Guest Pianist
Karen Spore – Technical Assistant
David Hartwig – Lay Reader

*On Sunday, April 27, our own Ray Morgan will be preaching. Please
join us for this special day!*

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