



*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRESERVICE MUSIC Mark Gourley

WELCOME Drew Herring

PRELUDE *Thine Is the Glory* Sandie Parker, *piano*
Georg Frideric Handel; Terry Osman, arr. Mark Gourley, *organ*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *"Assurance" by Sharlande Sledge* Ethan Stephens

We celebrate good news:
Jesus Christ is risen!
When we lock ourselves away in the upper rooms of our lives, Christ's presence comes to us with words of peace...
words that send us out of our hiding places with strength and power.
When believing does not come easily and we are more skeptical than faithful, Christ's presence comes to us with words of assurance...
words that transform our anxiety to comfort and turn our mourning into joyful dance.
When tears cloud our eyes, so we cannot see signs of resurrection, Christ's presence comes to us with words of hope...
words that remind us of new life all around us, even within us.
Our assurance is in Jesus Christ, Our Risen Lord. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN 210 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* The Church

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Ethan Stephens

We will sing "alleluia" even in the face of our fears, doubts, and questions. We will trust God's resurrection power, even when we cannot see it.

*EASTER RESPONSE 195, Vs 3 (tune: REGENT SQUARE) The Church

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. Even when life overwhelms us
Easter people sing this song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Everlasting Sunday song.**
(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck

(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow their leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

*HYMN 646 *Teach Me Your Way* The Church
Stanza 1: Choir only; Stanzas 2-4: Choir and Congregation

PRAYERS Jennifer Clatterbuck

SERMON "Keep Doubting and Believing" Drew Herring
John 20: 19-31

*HYMN 206 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* The Church

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Tricia Buchanan

OFFERTORY *To God Be the Glory* Sandie Parker, *piano*
William Doane; Albin C. Whitworth, arr. Mark Gourley, *organ*

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*) The Church

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION Ethan Stephens

POSTLUDE *Gravement from Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572* Mark Gourley
J. S. Bach

Thank you to Autumn Silicki, worship helper and Sandie Parker, pianist.



2023 WMMO UPDATE:
Goal: \$20,000
Given so far: \$3,049.07
15%

We will collect until Pentecost Sunday,
May 28th.

Emmaus Café

This Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:30

**Menu: Tacos w/fixings, Rice,
Fruit and Dessert**

Please sign up by noon on Tuesday.