



Van Meter UMC

Nurturing children, supporting families, creating community as we share our faith.



Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO EASTER WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: (vs. 1, 2, & 6) Hymnal 302
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

The tomb is dark, but empty.

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

The stone has been rolled away.

The one you are looking for has overcome death.

The burial clothes are put aside.

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

We have seen the Lord!

Who will you tell?

EVERYONE!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.

(Please be seated.)

UNISON PRAYER:

“Christ is risen!”

“He is risen indeed!”

Let us pray together:

Oh, Holy Christ Jesus,

**We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy
again and again,**

**for news of Your victory over powers of death and evil
is news so startling,
so amazing,
so different from the news that bombards us day by day.**

Beyond our comprehension

**You startle us again and again
with resurrection Life,
bringing grace and hope and joy.**

**You, in Your risen power,
are shaping all our days,
and so we praise You,
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.**

Amen

HYMN of PREPARATION

Lamb of God

FWS 2113

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Beth

THE LORD’S PRAYER

on screen

OUR TIME OF GIVING

We humbly ask for your tithe to the Holy Spirit to be shared through our church as we provide ministry through our local, state, and world UMC connections. We are very grateful to be able to share in ministry with you as our generosity is greater shared together.

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal 95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC:

Chancel Choir

Let the Trumpet Sound

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE:

Rev. Beth Harbaugh

“I Have Seen the Lord”

HOLY COMMUNION

on screen

We practice an open table. All are welcome to receive communion.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Hymnal 310

He Lives

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

We hope that you have been uplifted by the Holy Spirit in worship of our Triune God. We have all been present and engaged with one another through the Oneness of Christ in Love and Peace. Please take these blessings with you and enliven the Holy Spirit in others to also bless them in their daily lives.

Ministers:

All the Church Members

Organist/Choir Director:

Mike Cooper

Pianist

Melody Laake

Usher/Greeters:

McCombs family

Acolytes:

Lilly and Levi McCombs

Liturgist:

Levi McCombs

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