

Community United Methodist Church

Easter – April 1st, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

A time of quiet reflection is provided as we gather for worship - let the music lead you. During this time, you may wish to use one of the prayer slips at the end of each pew to request a prayer to be lifted up during the service.

Chimes

Prelude

“Ring in the Christ”

-Charles Gounod

Welcome and Announcements

*** Gathering Words**

We come together with the love of God and the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ in our hearts! The power of new birth gives us thanks to the Lord because God is good!

Let us all declare: God’s faithful love endures forever.

God is our strength and salvation, our protection and our rock.

Let us make sounds of joyful songs and deliverance that are heard in the tents of the righteous.

Open the gates of righteousness for us so that we can come in and give thanks to God on this glorious morning!

The stone that the builders rejected is now our main foundation stone.

This happened because of God, an astounding sight for us!

**This is the day the Lord acted, we rejoice and celebrate!
Hallelujah!**

* Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able

*** Hymn**

"Christ the Lord Has Risen Today", verses 1,2,4,5,6

Red Hymnal #302

Prayer to Begin

Gracious God, we live in this righteous moment of hope, love and peace. Jesus came. Jesus taught. Jesus died. Jesus rose. Jesus lives! God anointed him with the Holy Spirit, leading the path for us. Jesus called us to preach the good news, live lives that witness God's love and peace to the world. May we be those kinds of people – may we become and live as Easter people! Amen!

Call to Prayer Song

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise", verses 1,2,4

Red Hymnal #312

Lighting the Peace Candle

Holy God, we pray for the world, our state of the world and all the kingdom it is for your people! God, let this day unite us as your people, reflect the power of being a risen people from Christ's example. **Amen.**

Anthem

"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!"

-Larry Shackley

Children's Time

Our children are invited to use the activity tables in worship, or the activity bags. Please consider joining Sunday School downstairs.

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-18

Reader: These words inspired by God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gifts of the Dark Wood: *"Now Live as Easter People!"*

*** Hymn**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" verses 1, 3

Red Hymnal #304

Our Time of Prayer

Sharing of the Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

"Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ..." please use whichever name you find meaningful.

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

-G. Handel

Doxology

"Thine Be the Glory", verses 1, 3

Red Hymnal #308

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

-G. Handel

-ALL of congregation is invited to join in and sing

*** Benediction**

Postlude

"Toccata" (from 5th Organ Symphony)

-Charles Widor

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeters: Our Friends at CUMC
Liturgist: Our Youth
Music Leaders: Organist – Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
Music Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick

A very special thank you goes out to the volunteers who made this morning's Easter breakfast possible. We thank God for your serving hearts!



Potting Party

Our annual Potting Party is scheduled for tomorrow, **April 2nd at 6:30pm**. The plants that are started are planted in the community garden on 40th Avenue. Produce that is grown is donated to SACA. Plan to join us in this effort to end hunger in our community! See Mary Tholkes for details.

Meals on Wheels Delivery

We will be delivering Meals On Wheels from **April 2nd – April 6th**. Please contact Rod Bruns for more information or to volunteer.

Save the Dates!

We will be having a meeting with Pat Hinker on **Thursday, April 5th, Monday, April 16th, and Thursday May 3rd, each scheduled at 6:30pm**. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to join in. More information can be found in your April Newsletters.



**We will be having a special offering on
Sunday, April 8th**

Feed My Starving Children

Please consider joining us at our next packing date on Saturday, **April 14th, 2018, from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** We meet at 401-93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Please contact Dick Meixner to sign up, or if you have any questions about this experience.

Youth Speaker

On **Sunday, April 15th, from 11:15am - 12:15pm**, we are having a guest speaker from the *Youth Speaker Bureau*. Topics of discussion will be about safety on social media and using cell phones responsibly. All youth are encouraged to attend and are welcome to invite friends. Parents are welcome to join in as well

UMW Salad Luncheon

The Annual Salad Luncheon will be held **Thursday, April 19th, from 11am-1pm**. We will get into gear with this in early April, signing our people up to make salads and to help with the event. Tickets are \$8.00 each and will be on sale April 8th and 15th. We will also be needing those yummy baked goods for the Boutique. Thanks in advance for all your help.

Plant & Rummage Sale

We have our Plant and Rummage Sale coming up soon – **May 10th, 11th, & 12th**. We are accepting rummage sale donations now through **May 7th**.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship

Monday, April 2, 2018

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

4:30 p.m. Women's Meal at Culvers

6:30 p.m. Potting Party

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

12:00 p.m. UMW Meeting

5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner

6:15 p.m. Confirmation at Faith UMC

6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/Les Johnson

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 5, 2018

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. All Church Meeting w/Rev. Hinker

Friday, April 6, 2018

11:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

Sunday, April 8, 2018

UMCOR Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship: Communion

11:00 a.m. Fellowship –Dick's 90th B-day

11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic & Trustee Mtg

Our Vision

We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive and welcoming Christian fellowship woven into the fabric of our community.

Our Staff

Pastor	Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Karyn Naber
Music Director	Elaine Hill
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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