

A poster for Easter Sunday. The background is a photograph of a cross standing in a field of tall grasses and palm-like plants at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. A white rounded rectangle with a black border is centered in the upper half of the image. Inside the rectangle, the words "EASTER SUNDAY" are written in a large, black, serif font, and "MARCH 31, 2024" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

**One United Church of Christ
1730 New Holland Road
Kenhorst, PA 19607**

***Adapting, Welcoming, Serving,
Growing in Faith***

One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....**Rev. Rebecca Hoover**
Lay Pastor.....**Mrs. Nancy McNabb**
Director of Music.....**Jeff Miller**
Administrative Assistant.....**Dee Constable**

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Prelude *“The Strife is O’er”* Handbell Choir

Opening Words

Opening Prayer (*responsively*)

Jesus Christ, we greet you!
Your hands still have holes in them,
your feet are wet from the dew;
and with the memory of our names
undimmed by three days of death
you meet us,
risen from the grave.
We fail to understand how;
we puzzle at the reason why.
But you have come:
not to answer our questions
but to show us your face
and give us a renewed reason to hope.

**You are alive
and the world can rejoice again.
Hallelujah!
Amen!**

*The day of resurrection, Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see a-right
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain*

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is there-in
Let all things seen and un-seen their notes of gladness blend
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end!*

Confessing

Prayer of Confession (*responsively*)

Lord God,
early in the morning,
when the world was young,
you made life in all its beauty and terror;
you gave birth to all that we know.
Hallowed be your name,

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,
when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle
announced that you had come among us,
that you were one of us.
Hallowed be your name,

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,

surrounded by respectable liars,
religious leaders,
anxious statesmen
and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good,
for being God:
you shouldered and suffered the cross.
Hallowed be your name,

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in the dew
proved that you had risen,
that you had come back to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you. Hallowed be your
name,

Hallowed be your name.

This morning,
in the multicolored company
of your Church on earth and in heaven,
we celebrate your creation, your life,
your death and resurrection,
your interest in us;
so we pray,

**Lord, bring new life,
where we are worn and tired;
new love,
where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness,
where we feel hurt
and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom
of your Holy Spirit,
where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

Come As You Are

Written by David Crowder, Matt Maher, Ben Glover

Musical score for the song "Come As You Are" in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "So, lay down your bur - dens, lay down your shame. All who are bro - ken lift up your face. O wan-der-er come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are."

So, lay down your bur - dens, lay down your shame.

All who are bro - ken lift up your face. O wan-der-er

come home; You're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your

heart: Come as you are.

Words of Assurance (*responsively*)

To all and to each,
on his community and on his friends,
where regret is real,
Jesus pronounces his pardon
and grants us the power to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

Halleluja

Traditional Caribbean Melody (author unknown)

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -

lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

Listening

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8 (CEB)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are

looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. ⁷ Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸ Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Children's Moment

*Song

"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"
Contemporary Hymnal

*One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed*

*Living He loved me
Dying He saved me
Buried He carried
My sins far away
Rising He justified
Freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day
O glorious day*

*One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree*

And took the nails from me

Living He loved me

Dying He saved me

Buried He carried

My sins far away

Rising He justified

Freely forever

One day He's coming

O glorious day

O glorious day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer

One day the stone rolled away from the door

Then He arose over death He had conquered

Now is ascended my Lord evermore

Death could not hold Him

The grave could not keep Him

From rising again

Living He loved me

Dying He saved me

Buried He carried

My sins far away

Rising He justified

Freely forever

One day He's coming

O glorious day

O glorious day...

Glorious Day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming

One day the skies with His glories will shine

Wonderful day my beloved one bringing

My Savior Jesus is mine

*Living He loved me
Dying He saved me
Buried He carried
My sins far away
Rising He justified
Freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day
O glorious day
Glorious day
O glorious day*

Sermon

Intercessory Prayers/The Lord's Prayer (*responsively*)

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

*Communion Hymn “*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*”
Hymnal #347

*Let us talents and tongues employ
Reaching out with a shout of joy
Bread is broken, the wine is poured
Christ is spoken and seen and heard*

*Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around
Loaves abound!*

*Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around
Loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one
At His table He set the tone
Teaching people to live to bless
Love in word and in deed express*

*Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around
Loaves abound!*

*Jesus lives again
Earth can breathe again
Pass the Word around
Loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt
Gives us love to tell, bread to share
God, Immanuel, everywhere!*

*Jesus lives again
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Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayers (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Meal

If you are joining us online for virtual communion today, we ask you to have some sort of bread product and either grape juice, wine, or water to serve as your elements. If you are joining us in person, communion elements will be provided at the altar. You will be invited to come forward at this time to receive the bread and the cup.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

Amazing God, may this meal nourish us in body and soul so that we boldly proclaim the resurrection. May the gifts we received here give us grace to live our lives. By this meal, transform us into the body of Christ that we might carry out your mission of resurrection and transformation throughout the whole world. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

*Hymn

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”
Contemporary Hymnal

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Christ he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
Alleluia!!
Alleluia!!!*

Liturgist: Christy Hylton

Our greeters for today are: Christy Hylton and Robin West.

Copyright Information for Today's Service:

“The Strife is O'er” Written by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and William Henry Monk; Arranged by Jeff Miller

“The Day of Resurrection” Music: Henry Smart, Lyric: John of Damascus (8th century), translated by John Mason Neale (1862)

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” By John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

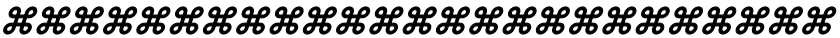
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Lyric – Fred Kaan; Music – Jamaican Folk Song (author unknown)

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Music & Words by Charles Wesley; Arrangement by Jeff Miller

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Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!

Please check our website (www.oneucc.org), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0AuoI1gEn7vahQ?view_as=subscriber



Dee's office hours: are usually Mon, Wed, Thurs 12:30 – 3:30 pm but if there are changes for the next week, the new hours will be listed.

Pastor Becky office hours: only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

Nancy McNabb office hours: Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure no one's schedule has changed.

In case you need the contact information:

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
- Pastor Becky's Contact Info:
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The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:
Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Judy Hertzog and family, Joy Himmelmann, Brenda Hoffer, Nate Hosler, Matthew Hoyer, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Rosie, Ray Saylor and family, Bobbilyn and Robert Schadler, Caitlyn Sine, Terry and Faith Sinsich, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Steve Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Holly Wood, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Ethel (Vicky) Hatzas on her recent passing.

Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC

U p c o m i n g . . .

The next Eat-Pray-Meet gathering will be on **Sunday, April 14th** following worship. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, we decided to make our Eat-Pray-Meet meals be themed potlucks some months. The theme for April is charcuterie! Please sign up to bring something by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AC2FABFAC34-48607033-april>

You can bring anything from a cut up pepper to a box of crackers to that impulse purchase at the grocery store you want to try but can't justify eating all yourself. If you want to bring something but can't figure out how to sign-up online or don't have online access, please contact Pastor Becky (email, text, call, etc...), and she will sign you up. Looking forward to seeing everyone in April!



Everybody's Birthday Party!!

Sunday, **April 28** following worship
Join us for lunch, fun & games, cake & ice cream!

Tickets \$5.00 (children under 3 are free)
See Judy Spencer to get your tickets!
Deadline to buy your tickets: April 21

In case you were wondering . . .

We are **SOLD OUT!!** We had another good season of candy making at One UCC. Over the eight days of making candy, we had more than 180 orders—many repeat customers from previous years. We made over 530 pounds of candy, with peanut butter topping the list. We had to purchase some supplies, with those expenses totaling about \$1,590. When we calculate a final tally, we will end up with a profit of approximately \$4,850. This will be used for special projects around the church and will help in the purchase of supplies for making candy in the fall should we decide to do so. Many thanks to all who helped in any capacity, whether it was getting orders, making the candy, or purchasing. Thank you all!!!



“You Are Not Alone” Event
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Saturday, April 20 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Calvary Reformed United Church of Christ,
640 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601

This program is being presented to provide resources, connections and support for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Register: <https://psecraisegrandchildren.eventbrite.com>

Just a reminder...

If you are sick or feeling unwell, we kindly ask you to worship from home. Our

services continue to be livestreamed and available on our YouTube Channel.

One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid!

Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.** For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit www.communityaid.org.



Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 1st grade students who need extra support with reading at Mifflin Park Elementary on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour from January through mid-May. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.



Would you like to be more involved in the worship life of our congregation? Pastor Becky is working to **reestablish liturgists** who help weekly in leading worship. Liturgists assist with leading different parts of our worship service. Training and all materials for

worship are provided. If you have served as a liturgist in the past, Pastor Becky will be checking in with you. If you would like to be a liturgist, please let Pastor Becky know.

It's now winter and the Little Food Pantry will be especially needed! Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated.



***We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and help our donors as we move*



forward, please use this link:

<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>

You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund."

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



****Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email (jeff@simonapple.com). For now,**

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, after Sunday service, for about 15 minutes. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to "Planet Green Recycling." The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself. *Thank you so much for your support!!!*

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers have been sponsored by the following:

- The West Family – in memory of loved ones
- Dee Constable – in memory of Ruth Constable
- Bob & Sue Lehr – in memory of loved ones
- Bob & Nancy McNabb – in memory of parents
- The Miller Family – in memory of Gloria
- Tom Spencer – in memory of our parents
- Candy Makers – in honor of our Shut-ins (Homebound)
- The Hoover Family – in memory of Bill and Gail Powell



CHURCH CALENDAR: Mar. 31 – Apr. 7, 2024

Sunday (3/31) Easter Sunday

10:30 am Worship - Communion

Tuesday (4/2)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday (4/3)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday (4/4)

9:00 am C, D & B Senior Group

Saturday (4/6)

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (4/7) Second Sunday of Easter/Holy Humor Sunday

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Mission/Evangelism Meeting

**Note: if you have an event or meeting that is scheduled at the church, please let the church office know (oneucckenhorst@gmail or 610-777-5211) so that it can go on the calendar for the bulletin. Thank you!*