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**Sunday, April 20, 2025
10:30 am Worship**

***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

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Prelude “Easter Joy” Handbell Choir

Invitation into Worship

*Hymn “The Strife is O’er” Hymnal #242

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o’er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

*Christ, by your wounds on Calvary
from death's dread sting your servants free,
That we may live eternally.
Alleluia!*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We joyfully give you our alleluias today, O God. On Easter morning, it's easy to feel uplifted at your victory over sin and death. We praise you and the difference you continue to make. If we're honest, God, as much as we are celebrating today, we feel and act more like your first followers on Easter long ago. We are as bewildered by the resurrection as those who went to the tomb were. Like your earliest disciples, we are fearful of the changes around us. In these moments when Easter's hope feels like nonsense, when the good news seems powerless in the face of violence and economic struggles, when our questions feel larger than our faith, forgive us for not wrestling with resurrection. Keep us engaged in the struggle of faith, O God. Teach us how to doubt faithfully, wonder differently, and open ourselves to the life-changing grace we fear to imagine. Amen.

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend

G Am G/B C
I will not boast in an - y - thing: No

3 G/B G/D D G Am G/B C
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

5 G/B D G G Am G/B C
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I

7 G/B Em D G Am G/B C
can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: His

9 G/B D G
wounds have paid my ran - som.

Words of Assurance

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

On The Third Day

Matt Maher, Marc Byrd

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G D A

On the third day, be - hold the King. On the
third day, the saints re - joice. On the

4 G Bm A G

third third day, death has no sting. On the third day, we're for -
third day, we lift our voice. On the third day, we're u -

7 Bm A D 1. D 2.

giv - en and rec - on - ciled. ____ On the
nit - ed and glo - ri - fied. ____

Listening

Introduction to the Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. ⁵ The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶ He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of

James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹ Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. ¹² But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Children's Moment

*Song "Glorious Day" (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*

Meditation

Intercessory Prayers/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 “Jesus is Here Right Now” Hymnal #348

*Jesus is here right now.
Jesus is here.
With this bread and wine
True peace you'll find;
Christ Jesus is here right now.*

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayers (*responsively*)

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Story of the Last Supper

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*)

We thank you, Holy God, for meeting us at this table and giving us the presence of the risen Christ. May his life come alive in our lives. We will seek to sow grace where there is judgement. We will plant love where there is fear, and we will scatter compassion rather than hate. We will be people living by the hope and courage Easter gives us. Alleluia, Christ is risen and lives among us! Amen.

Sending

*Blessing

*Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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!!
Allelu - - uuu ---ia!!!*

The liturgist for today is: Katie Hoover

The greeters for today are: Carol Keffer and Judy Spencer

The Easter flowers in our sanctuary are given in the glory of God and presented by the:

- *West Family in memory of loved ones: 3 purple Tulips*
- *Lehr Family in memory of loved ones: 1 purple tulip and one lily*
- *Szajeks in memory of loved ones: 1 purple hyacinth*
- *McNabbs: 1 red tulip, 1 pink tulip, and 1 purple tulip*
- *Springers in memory of loved ones: 1 red tulip and 1 pink tulip*

The bulletins throughout April are given to the glory of God and in honor of loved ones by Sue and Bob Lehr.

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“Easter Joy” written by Jeff Miller

“The Strife is O’er” Music by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina;
Words are 17th century Latin (author unknown)

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

“Jesus Is Here Right Now” By Leon C. Roberts

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

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All of the liturgy was written by Rev. Rebecca Hoover.

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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_X9q0AuoIlgEn7vahO?view_as=subscriber



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

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

Katie Hoover office hours: Mondays 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm and Thursdays.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure there is someone available.

In case you need the contact information:

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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:

Sheldon Ash, Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, John Constable, Andrea Curtis, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, John and Liz Dumond, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Joy Himmelman, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Ken and Cathy Hoshauer, Nate Hosler, Joan, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Ashley Long Malvern, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Gleniz Rodriguez, Rosie, Noel and Kathie Roy, Ray Saylor and family, Steven Sharp, Caitlyn Sine, Sam Snyder,

Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Gary Winters, Holly Wood, Clarence Yoh, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel

Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC

FROM THE CANDY MAKERS:

In case you were wondering, the candy season is once again over. If you did not purchase any candy this season, you missed out on some delicious treats! Our team, once again, worked together extremely well. We started early in the morning, and we ended well before noon on most days. With a group of about 20 workers, we made over 470 pounds of candy over the eight days of working. We had almost 170 orders for our candy, with peanut butter being the number one selling candy. Our sales totaled over \$7,100, with extra cash in the form of “keep the change.” Taking expenses into consideration, our profit for the spring 2025 candy season is about \$4,460. Some of this profit will be used to have the Fellowship Hall floor stripped and waxed. The remaining funds will be used as needed for projects around the church. Many thanks to all who worked, ordered, or helped in other ways. We appreciate you!!

The Remembrance Candle! A candle is placed in the sanctuary that we will light to remember our loved ones who now live in the eternity of God's care. If you would like to sign up for the Remembrance Candle, please do so on the sheet outside of the sanctuary or contact the church office. On your week for the Remembrance Candle, you are welcome to bring in a picture of your loved one to place next to the candle. There is no fee to sponsor the Remembrance Candle.



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.



*****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" or other category.

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, at 10:10 am on Sundays, prior to the service. 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!!!*

The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church! It is now that time of year when it's colder outside and we need to make sure any donations to the Little Food Pantry will not freeze. We appreciate all your donations!



We are still collecting
aluminum cans for recycling
- **ONLY** aluminum cans.
No other trash is accepted.
Thank you for your
consideration!

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

CHURCH CALENDAR: April 20 through April 27

Sunday (4/20) Easter

10:30 am Worship

Wednesday (4/23)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday (4/24)

10:00 am C, D & B Senior Group

Saturday (4/26)

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (4/27) Nothing Special is Happening Here, Nope

10:30 am Worship

**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!*