



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**WELCOME**

Whoever you are,  
and wherever you find yourself  
on the journey of faith, you are  
welcome to this church as you  
are to receive the riches of  
God's grace...

*The Way...*

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.  
This weekly publication is provided to show  
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

**Easter Sunday**                      **April 4, 2021**

*LILY*—The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

**REJOICE**  
*He is alive*

**What Easter does**

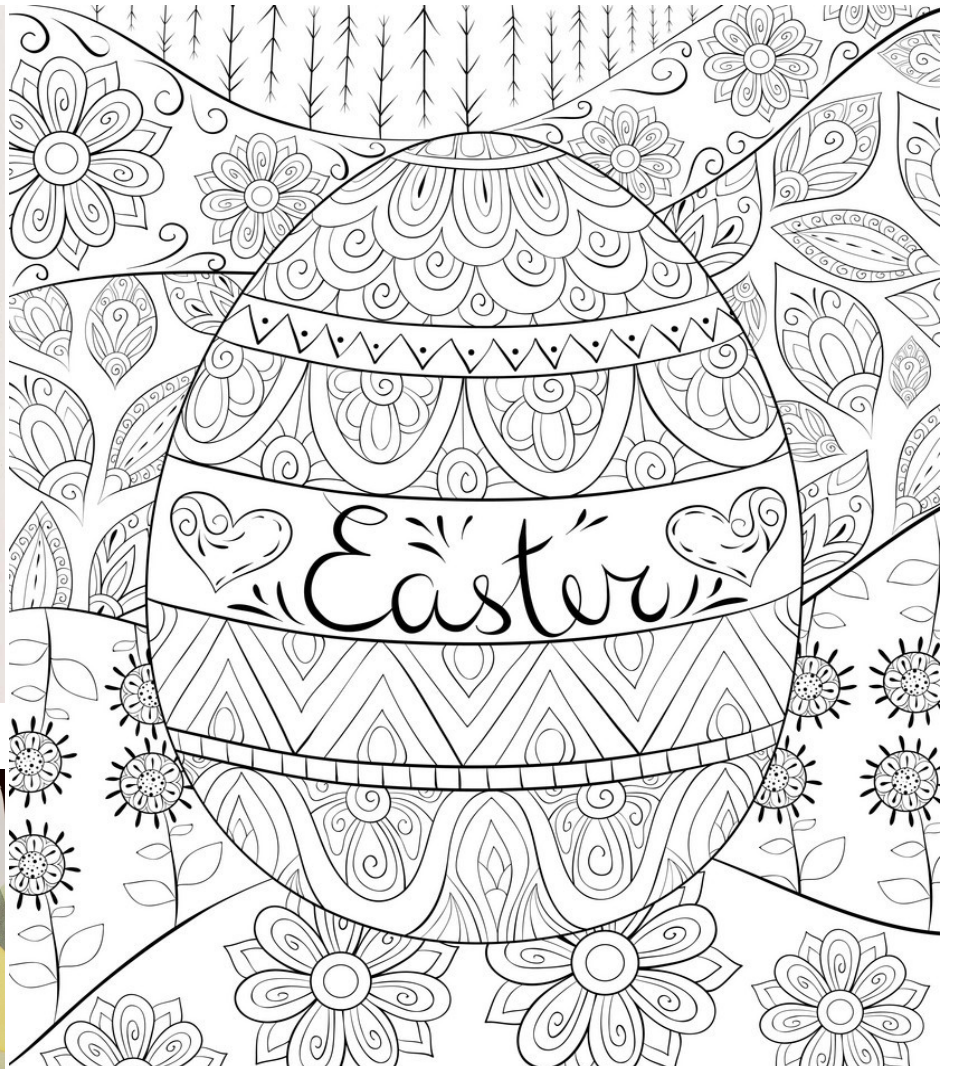
Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

Unless

THERE IS A  
GOOD FRIDAY  
IN YOUR LIFE,  
THERE CAN BE NO  
EASTER SUNDAY.

*Wm. Fulton Sheen*



*She's Found Her  
main  
Squeeze*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER  
HONORING

*Shelby Baylor*

First United Methodist Church 100 W Vine St. Fort Branch, IN 47648	MAY <b>1</b> 2:30pm	Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon
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Please bring a recipe to share  
with the bride to be!

*Methodist Women's Group*



**Next meeting on  
Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

*All women of the church are invited.*

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**LIVESTREAM** & **In-person SERVICE**

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Deliver to:

*.HAPPY.  
Easter*



\* -This symbol,  
when found in the Order of Service  
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### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery  
Attendant:



4/4: Debra Stephenson  
4/11: Kristi Pflug

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel  
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

**This Sunday: EASTER Sunday**  
7:00<sub>am</sub> † Sunrise Worship & Egg Hunt  
9:00<sub>am</sub> Ω Easter Worship & Live streaming

**Monday:** ~ Office Closed ~  
6:30<sub>pm</sub> Ω Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:** ~ Office Closed ~

**Saturday:**

9:00<sub>am</sub> Ω Methodist Women

**Next Sunday:**

9:00<sub>am</sub> † Worship

9:30<sub>am</sub> Ω Sunday School

10:30<sub>am</sub> Ω Worship & Live

**Next Sunday Worship:**

"The Disciples  
Experience His Love"

John 20:19-31

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*Welcome to worship —  
and to resurrection life —  
on this most joyous day.*

**Rev. John Baylor, Jr.**

\***SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 16:1-8**

### The Resurrection

**16** Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

<sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

\***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

\***HYMN** # 302 7:30<sub>am</sub> *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
# 322 9:00<sub>am</sub> *Up From the Grave He Arose*

\***GREETING AND PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PRAYER HYMN** # 322 7:30<sub>am</sub> *Up From the Grave He Arose*  
# 364 9:00<sub>am</sub> *Because He Lives*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Jesus is All the World To Me ~ Autumn Scott*

\***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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**John 20:1-18**

**MESSAGE**

**"Preparation at The Tomb"**

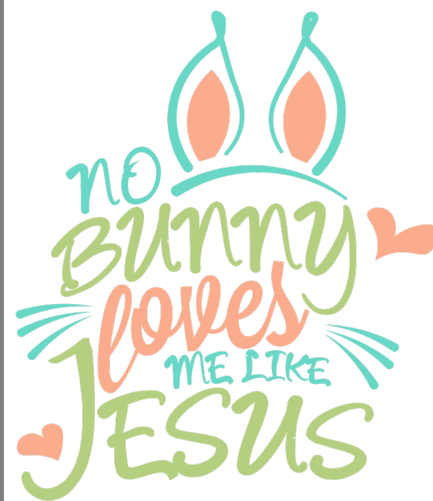


# Prayer REQUESTS

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear, Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Thomas Brown, Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy, Bruce Rostron, June Regenhold, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Derek Barton

prayer



Let's Celebrate

Jenna Schleter ~ 6th  
Ova Salyer ~ 6th  
Tiffany Teel ~ 7th

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE INVITATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

### THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

*In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.*

- \*HYMN # 310 7:30<sub>am</sub> & 9:00<sub>am</sub> He Lives
- \*BLESSING Pastor
- \*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes
- \*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn: 657 This Is the Day

*This is the day, this is the day,  
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

### \*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

### POSTLUDE





**Listening Guide**  
**“Preparation at the Tomb”**  
**April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday**

**Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**How does Jesus prepare the world for His resurrection?**

**By Giving** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 1-10)**

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**He Sent** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 11-13)**

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**Jesus Came** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 14-15)**

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**Jesus** \_\_\_\_\_ **Himself (16-18)**

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**Personal Application:** Jesus has done many things to prepare the world for His resurrection. Some of that preparation happens at the tomb. He prepared us to receive Him and share Him with the world. How will you do that beginning today?

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## *John 20:1-18 NLT*

### **The Resurrection**

<sup>20</sup> Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. <sup>8</sup> Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— <sup>9</sup> for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then they went home.



### **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. <sup>12</sup> She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. <sup>13</sup> “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

<sup>14</sup> She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. <sup>15</sup> “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

<sup>16</sup> “Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God!*