



Wentz's United Church of Christ

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Sunday, April 9th 2023 10am
Resurrection (Easter) Sunday & Communion



“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime” – Martin Luther

PRELUDE: (before 10 a.m.) - organ

Prelude after screen at 10 a.m:

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" - Brass Ensemble and Organ

Greeting and Reply

Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*Handbells, Brass, Organ accompaniment*)

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

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

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*
(There is an instrumental interlude between verses 3 and 4)
*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

Our Church's Mission:

Welcome all into a loving, inclusive faith community,
Seeking to live out the teachings of Jesus,
Building on our own rich history, actively exploring beliefs and assumptions, and
Promoting justice, peace and spiritual growth.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Love of Christ has gathered us as one.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us praise and love the living God and in purity of heart let us love one another.

One: Where charity and love are, there is God. When, therefore, we are gathered together,

Many: Let us not be divided in spirit. Let bitter strife and discord cease between us; Let Christ our God be present in our midst.

One: Where charity and love are, there is God.

Many: With all the blessed may we see forever

One: Thy face in glory, Jesus Christ our God. Joy that is infinite and undefiled for all the ages of eternity.

All: Where charity and love are, there is God.

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation;

*I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation."*

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say on that day:

*"Give thanks to the Lord;
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

*⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.*

*⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

28 *After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly*

there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: This is the word of God, to the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

Worship & Praise through Music

Passing the Peace of Christ

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Singing) (Green Hymnal-740)

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 (**Debts**), as we forgive those who trespass against us (**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

In Memorial and Honor (Speaking the Names)

Ruth Bickhart	92 years	Uble Frost	88 years
William Detwiler	96 years	Calvin Honsberger	94 years
Judith Detwiler	96 years	Stanley Houpt	76 years
Nancy Domurat	78 years	David Wisler	91 years
Anne Frost	86 years		

Announcements

Offering: - **Saxophones** - **"Just a Closer Walk with He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above the heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost)

Sermonic Hymn: **"Were You There" (Green Hymnal 283)**

Handbells (Children and Adults) accompanied by Jess Mower on the piano.

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

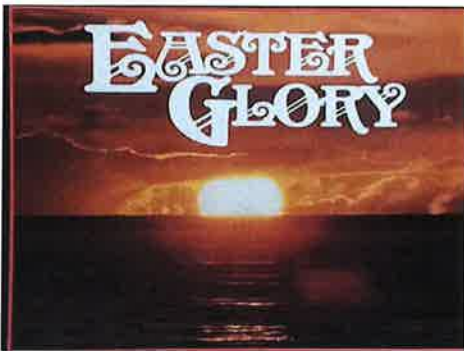
*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?*

MESSAGE: "Easter Glory"



RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD: "The Day of Resurrection" (*Brass and Organ*) (*Green Hymnal- 298*)

*The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,*

*may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "all hail" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our Joy that has no end.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn: Power in the Blood (**Insert in Back**)

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Deacon: You, Lord, are the Bread of life:

People: Let this bread be life giving

Let this bread be a means of growth

Let this bread be for my strengthening

That receiving this bread,

I may be one with you.

Deacon: You, Lord, are the true Vine:

People: Let this wine be to me for refreshment

Let this wine be to me for renewal

Let this wine be to me for joy,

That receiving this wine,

I may be one with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Elder: We remember that Jesus took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it, to his disciples, saying take, eat this is my body which is given for you.

People: On the holy cross I see Jesus' hands nailed fast for me. On the holy cross I see Jesus' feet nailed fast for me. Loving Jesus let me be Still and quiet, close to thee, learning all thy love for me Giving all my love to thee!

Elder: In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many.

People: The cup is full of blood-red wine Made from the crushing and the bruising of the grapes. By the loss of life, By the cutting down and the pressing, the spirit is set free; Allowed to ferment, the Spirit is at work.

Deacon & Elder: Remember me, Remember me, my crushing, my bruising. My three-day fermenting, my rising... This is the bread and wine that makes glad the hearts of all.

**People: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.
Alleluia.**

Pastor Mike:

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

Rev:

We take courage in the peace of your abiding presence, the Holy Spirit in our midst.

We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

Come, Fresh Wind. Come, Holy Spirit. Move over these symbols of life and celebration, let this bread be nourishing to our spirits. Let this wine quench our thirsty souls, let these symbols be your body and blood for us.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Sharing of the Lords Table

BENEDICTION – (*"The Hallelujah Chorus" (Full Band Ensemble)*)

POSTLUDE

The Three-Minute Suggestion:

Please spend the first three minutes with someone who is relatively new to our church family, or new to you. Get to know them like a friend might! THEN take some time with longtime friends. Thanks!

WORSHIP CONTINUES IN FELLOWSHIP:

Join for Coffee and Connections in the Connections Café sponsored this week by Rev and the members of Consistory.

Easter Flowers

April 9, 2023

The chancel is decorated with flowers which were purchased in memory of or in honor of loved ones from our Wentz Family. If you gave a flower to grace our worship service, please take one home with you.

Given By	In Memory Of
Andy Anderson and Dawn Stoler	Cindy Anderson, Kate Anderson, James Stortenbecker, Bob Darde
Anthony and Rita Cipriano	Our Parents
Kim Kline	Jean Bosler and Dorothy MacDonald
Mike Kline	Norma Cimerol
Robert & Christine Koellner and Patricia Koellner	Manfred and Elfriede Koellner
Mary MacDonald	My parents, Clarence and Jean Bosler
Donna and Bill Mower	Cindy Anderson
Gordon and Linda Todd	Our Parents
Gordon and Linda Todd	Loved Ones
Linda Yoworsky	Anthony Yoworsky

Given By	In Honor Of
Kim and Mike Kline	Our girls: Tessa, Grace, and Katherine
Kim and Mike Kline	Our granddaughter: Savannah
Carl and Henrietta Kurtz	Rev. James Mills
The Metzger Family	Rev and Mike for their service
Donna and Bill Mower	Marvin Mower
Gordon and Linda Todd	Our Children and Grandchildren

We are also blessed with generous contributions to the following funds:

General Fund

Given By	In Memory Of
Dave and Kathy Wells	Loved Ones

Memorial Fund

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Dave and Kathy Wells	Loved Ones

Donald and Ruth Benner Endowment Fund

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Carl and Henrietta Kurtz	Our Loved Ones

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Electronic Equipment Fund

Given By	In Memory Of
Kim Kline	James MacDonald

Given By	In Honor Of
The Metzger Family	Claire and Matthew Metzger

Handbell Fund

Given By	In Memory Of
Mary MacDonald	Jim MacDonald

Given By	In Honor Of
Grace and Katherine Kline	Nana (Mary MacDonald)

Music Fund

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Mary MacDonald	Jim MacDonald

Organ Fund

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Donna and Bill Mower	Lynne and Bud Moyer, Brenda Mower

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Would You Be Free from the Burden 255

In whom we have redemption through His blood . . . Col. 1:14

POWER IN THE BLOOD 10 9 10 8 Ref.

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1. Would you be free from the bur - den of sin? There's pow'r in the blood,
2. Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's pow'r in the blood,
3. Would you be whit - er, much whit - er than snow? There's pow'r in the blood,
4. Would you do serv - ice for Je - sus your King? There's pow'r in the blood,

pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
pow'r in the blood; Come for a cleans - ing to Cal - va - ry's tide? There's
pow'r in the blood; Sin - stains are lost in its life - giv - ing flow; There's
pow'r in the blood; Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's

Refrain

won - der - ful pow'r in the blood. There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der - work - ing pow'r
there is

In the blood of the Lamb; There is pow'r, pow'r,
In the blood of the Lamb; there is

won - der - work - ing pow'r In the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.



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