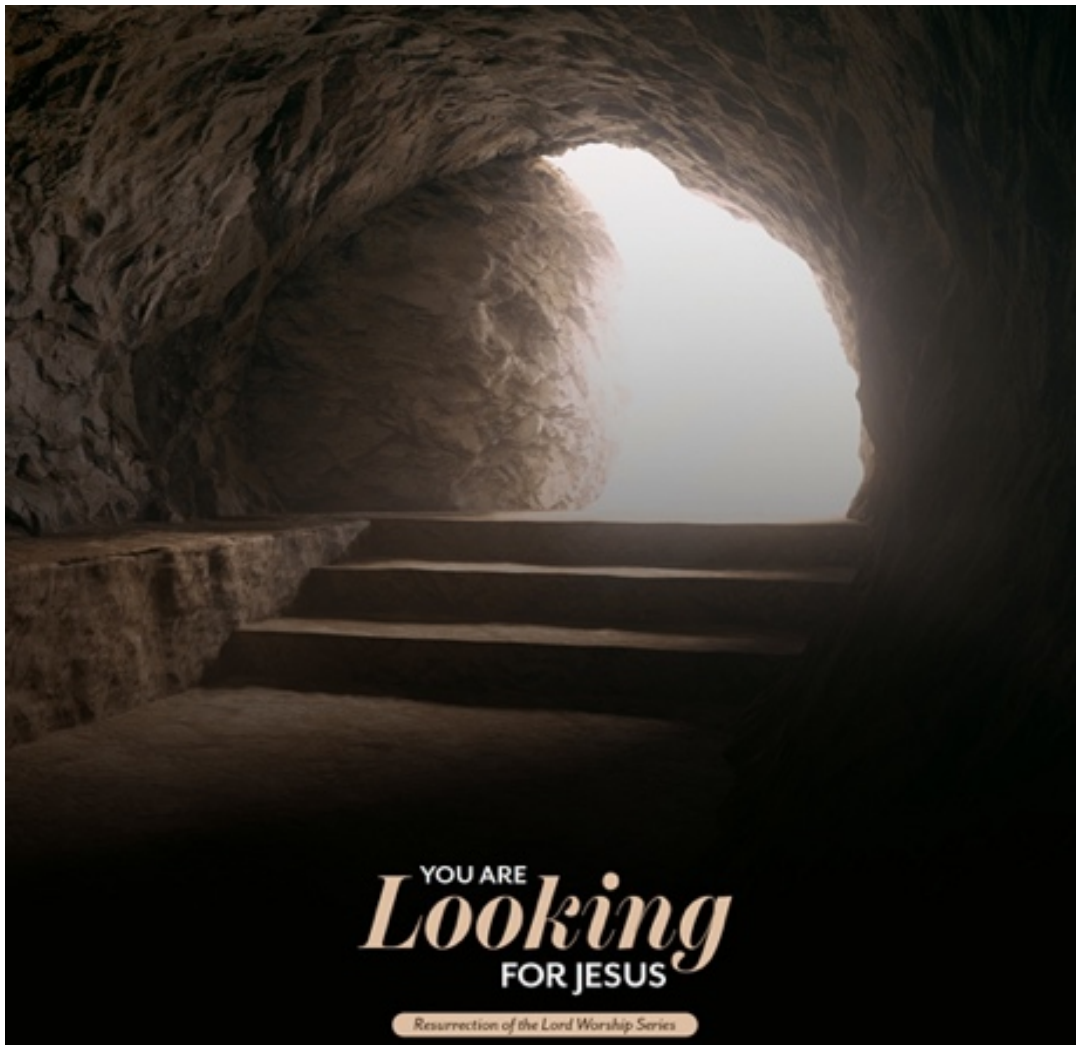


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Sunday Service

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday – You are Looking For Jesus

Resurrection of the Lord Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P - Pastor. Bold - C: Congregation Responds, A: All Respond ****

P: The tomb is dark, but empty

C: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

P: The stone has been rolled away

C: The one you are looking for has overcome death

P: The burial clothes are put aside

C: The one you are looking for is alive!

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed!

A: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to Recite in Unison ****

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Opening Hymn – Up From the Grave He Arose p. 322 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - (Prayed in Unison)

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!

Offering - Ushers Come Forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen.

Hymn – Lord of the Dance p. 261 UMH vv. 1, 4, & 5

Gospel Reading – Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. **2** Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb **3** and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" **4** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. **6** "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him, just as he told you.”⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Sermon – You Are Looking For Jesus

Closing Hymn – He Lives p. 310 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

- The Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday was a big success. It was a joy to see all the children hunting eggs and participating in the Egg Spoon Race. They were so excited when the Easter Bunny made an appearance. Thanks go to all who played a part in helping make the children happy while showcasing our church’s commitment to the community.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Sisk by his wife, Frances Sisk. The gift was designated for the Cemetery Fund.
- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Sisk by his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and David Joyner. The gift was designated for the Cemetery Fund.
- If you purchased an Easter Lily, please remember to take it home with you after the service today.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Jenny Davis

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Marie Parrish

Barbara Perryman

Margaret Pilcher

Frances Sisk

Eleanor Thompson

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Glenna Culler

Joe Dean

Randy DePew

Amanda Doub

Ruby Driver

Joanne Everhart

Mary & Francis File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Gail Howard

Randy Hunter

Amber Lambert

Jeannette Lanier

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Matt McKnight

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

April Birthdays

Wesley McBride	1	Ronnie Southern	26
John Seats	4	Brad Collins	27
Ralph Minder	7	Sadie Disher	27
Susie Seats-Edwards	9	Annabel Mark	28
Jeremy Gearheart	10	Autumn Atkinson	28
Caroline Burton	11	Hugh McBride	30
Bradley Thompson	21	Faye Seats	30

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!