## Reynolds United Methodist Church April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Gathering

Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering

Announcements

(See below)

The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Matthew 11:28-29

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls Matthew 11: 28-29

Opening Praise

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

**UMH 302** 

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: Christ has been sacrificed to malice and evil, therefore, let us lay aside all that is hateful and wicked.

People: We are here to be cleansed of our old ways and seek to be filled with sincerity and truth.

Leader: God has prepared a feast for us and is known more fully in the breaking of bread.

People: God wipes away our tears and enables us to rejoice in the salvation Christ brings.

Leader: Let us celebrate our Lord's resurrection for He is alive!

People: Peace has overcome our sorrows and fears. The Risen Lord has made us whole!

**Union Prayer** 

Appear afresh to us O Lord as you appeared to the disciples of old. Take away the shroud of fear and doubt and overwhelm us with your risen power. The awesome news of life overcoming death fills us with joy and wonder. Our hearts want to feel the joy of your risen presence. Let the mountains once again skip like rams at the good news of your eternal love. AMEN

**Praise Song** 

"He Lives"

**UMH 310** 

**Proclamation and Response** 

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 24: 1-12

(page 1642 in pew Bible)

Children's Moment
Message "Nonsense"

Pastor Glen Stewart Pastor Glen Stewart

**Special Music** 

Chuck Kearns

Thanksgiving

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Offertory** 

The Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

O God, our hearts burn with amazement because of all the ways you have blessed us. May the astonishing news of Easter inspire our witness and fill our offerings with love for all your people. Let our way of living be so attractive that many will be moved to join us here in this place. May your love so fill us that it will overflow upon others. AMEN

**Sending Forth** 

Sending Song

"Because He Lives"

**UMH 364** 

Benediction

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Church service, 8:00 am followed by breakfast

Monday, April 10 – Ministry Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12 – Ashton Community Fellowship dinner at the Ashton Bible Church 12:00 pm

Saturday, April 15 – Easter Cantata at Sycamore UMC 5:00 pm

<u>Sunday, April 16</u> – Old Fashion Hymn Sing at the former Compton UMC Spaghetti Dinner to follow 4:00 pm

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The mission of the month for April is Mujila Falls Agriculture Research Center in Zambia. Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training in extreme North West Zambia is their focus. There they are working with the Lunda people to increase protein, minerals and vitamins in the diet to reduce the high infant mortality rates and the low life expectancy. They are also working to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The long-term impact is to help to make the Lunda farmers and their families competitive in agriculture pursuits that are favored by the high rainfall and abundant land that is available for them. These include milk, fruit, and meat production, gardening, and field crops. As their incomes improve, their standard of living will improve and they can better afford the costs of education.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with Mujila Falls or "M.O.M." in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett.

Thank you. Missions Team

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by April 24<sup>th</sup>

## Serving This Sunday, April 9

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Pastor Glen Stewart

Children's Church Teacher: Easter Sunday, Kids stay in service Children's Church Shepherd: Easter Sunday, Kids stay in service

Communion Steward for April: Kathy Becker Church Hostess for April: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time: Easter Breakfast

Plowing/shoveling snow: Service Opportunity Available

### **Serving Next Sunday, April 16**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

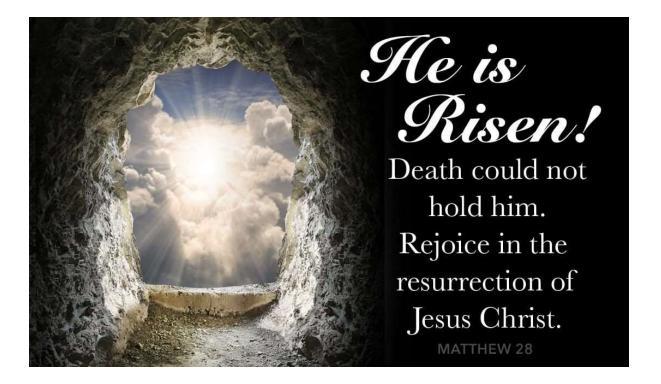
Liturgist: Volunteer needed Youth Moment: Rhonda Brown

Children's Church Teacher: Rhonda Brown Children's Church Shepherd: Volunteer needed Communion Steward for April: Kathy Becker Church Hostess for April: Contact Kathy Becker Coffee Fellowship Time: Frances & Don Cappel

Plowing/shoveling snow: Service Opportunity Available

# Offering for:

Church Fund: \$1,325.00 MOM \$30.00 Lenten offering \$100.00



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