



April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church



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Easter Sunday

We don't have to look for life "out there" because it's coming here and, indeed, is here and available for us right now. The One who was dead is now alive, and, because he lives, we, too, can live without peering hopefully into the darkness of the universe. We have the light of life that illumines everything and makes all things new!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ...

*Asterisk indicates to stand as able

Prelude Music

8:30 am "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (Ps. 19) Benedetto Marcello

10:45 am *Deus in Adjuvium* Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643),
arr. D. Marlatt
Canzona No. 29 Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643),
arr. S. Drummond Wolff
Overture from Water Music (Suite No. 2) George Frederick Handel (1685-1759),
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

*The prelude music today is accompanied by the recently-acquired Dormont UMC Memorial Pipe Organ.
This instrument will be featured in a dedicatory concert to take place in September 2022.*

Introit *Entrada Festiva* Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Christus vincit; Christus regnat; Christus imperat
Christ conquereth; Christ reigneth; Christ commandeth.*

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.

Based on 1 John 1:5-7

... TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD ...

***Opening Hymn**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH302
Setting by Craig Phillips

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank you, O God, for giving us hope! Christ's sacrifice was the fullest expression of your great love for us. We are full of gratitude and worship. Christ is risen! Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Response**

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

UMH89
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH ...

Message for Young Disciples

Kim Rhoton, Director of Christian Education

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of the leader. After the children's message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend Kids Praise. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the sanctuary near the end of the service. The congregation will sing, as the children depart:

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, tell them to me. (UMH#277, stanza 1)*

... TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED ...

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the Gospels

Luke 24:1-12 The empty tomb

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Gospel “Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah***

G. F. Handel

***Anyone with any experience singing this piece, and who feel so led, may come forward immediately following the conclusion of the Gospel reading to join the choir in the singing of this musical acclamation of the resurrection.*

Pastoral Prayer

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

Sermon

“Signs of Life”

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

... TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES ...

Offertory Anthem

He is marvelous!

Rosephanye Powell (b.1962)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

UMH94

... TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!

***Final Hymn**

“The strife is o’er”

UMH306

***Benediction**

Postlude

10:45 Praise the Lord with Drums and Beautiful Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg Elert (1877-1933)

Arr. R. Grassler

8:30 & 10:45 “VI. Finale” from *Symphonie in f, op. 13 No. 4*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Special thanks is extended to the following guest musicians: Josh Boudreau and Stephen McGough, trumpet; Bryan Adkins, horn; Gonzalo Fernandez, trombone; Robert Tupper, tuba; James Conkle, timpani; Mrs. Sarah Boice Stecker and Mr. Richard Minnotte, associate conductors.

Today's Service

10:45 am Acolytes Asher and Silas Ward

Cross Bearer Alan Chesleigh

Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation. The flowers that grace the sanctuary each week are generously donated by our church family members. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a special person, event, or milestone in your personal life or in the life of the church. To donate flowers on a particular Sunday, contact Lizzie Diller , 412-860-3614. The cost is \$33 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium arrangements, and \$66 for the chancel flowers.

Podcasts of Sunday Sermons Catch up on messages from MLUMC. Pastor Tom Strandburg and Pastor Scott Miller contribute podcasts of Sunday sermons on a rotating basis. Sermons can be found at <http://mlumc.buzzsprout.com> or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org. Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

Today's Scriptures

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Keep in Prayer

Convalescing in Care Facilities

Carolyn Dagg, Baptist Home
Anne Hoffman, Friendship Village
Priscilla Utzig, Providence Point

Convalescing at Home

Shirley Baker, Bishop George Bashore,
Jean Boyer, Susan Lichtenfels,
John Middleton, Carol Van Sickle

In the Military

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown,
PFC William Dilla III
Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC,
James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
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S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Sgt. Brendan
Lampert, Matt Lewis, USMC,
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda,
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz,
LTC Scott B. Rushe,
Pvt. Max Siergert, USMC
Pastor Rick Townes, Maj. Azizi Wesmiller,
LTC Matthew C. Wesmiller,
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski,
Sgt Michael Zimmerman

In Sympathy

Condolences are offered to the family of long time church member Mark Lewis, who passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judy, 6 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 19, at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception at the church.

Prayers and words of comfort can be sent to the family:

Mrs. Judy Lewis
908 Valleyview Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

The congregation also offers its sympathy to the family and friends of George Lindow who died on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 16, in Bridgeville. Condolences may be sent to his wife:

Mrs. Kathleen Lindow
1510 Critchfield Drive
Bridgeville, PA 15017

UPDATED COVID RECOMMENDATIONS

With the recent change to CDC masking recommendations, the Church Council asks that everyone make a decision for mask wearing based on their own personal needs. Therefore, masking is now optional in the large common spaces in our church, including for services of worship. Please extend grace and understanding to those who need to continue masking due to health concerns for themselves or those they care for. Due to the more confined spaces in our Educational Building, we ask that all of our children, youth, and teachers come to Sunday School prepared to mask, as circumstances warrant. Other small groups may make similar decisions for themselves, and Council supports them wholeheartedly.

Seeking Applicants for Staff Vacancy: Part-Time Financial Manager

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has established the new position of part-time financial manager that replaces the full-time business manager's position. Persons who have experience in financial accounting are encouraged to apply. A job description is available upon request from the church office. Please email a letter of application and resume to John Esaias, chairperson of SPRC at jesaias@comcast.net. Interviews with candidates will take place shortly after applications with strong credentials are received, and this process will continue until the successful candidate is selected. We hope to fill the position by May 6.

CALENDAR – SUNDAY, APRIL 17 THRU SATURDAY, APRIL 23

SUNDAY 4/17

7:00 am
8:30 am
9:30 am
10:45 am

EASTER SUNDAY

Outdoor Sunrise Service
Traditional Easter Service
The Gathering
Traditional Easter Service

Wesley patio
Sanctuary
Asbury
Sanctuary

MONDAY 4/18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 4/19

2:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Mark Lewis Memorial Service
Troop 23 Meeting
Troop 9023 Meeting

Sanctuary
Wesley
Network

WEDNESDAY 4/20

2:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Women's Bible Study
Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Trustees Meeting

Zoom
Wesley
Welcome Center

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