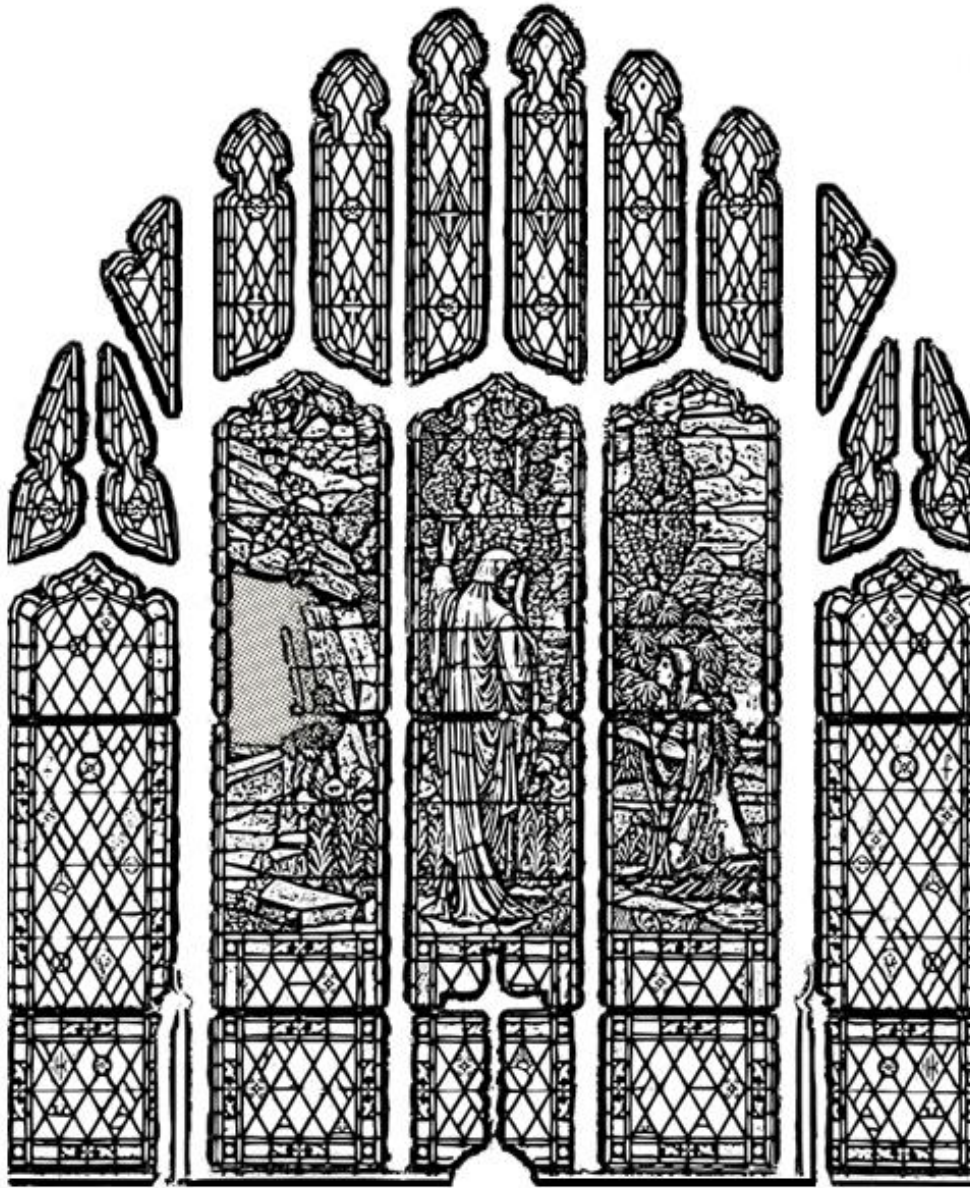


# MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, April 14, 2024, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

The Third Sunday of Easter – Youth Sunday

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*\*Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

**The Prelude**

*Morning Prelude*  
*Do, Lord*

offered by Abigail Lowe  
offered by Joseph Lowe

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”**

**UMH 89**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Ps. 71, adapt.*

∇ You, O Lord, are my hope;  
℞ **my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**  
∇ Upon you I have learned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.  
℞ **My praise is continually of you.**  
∇ I have been an example to many;  
℞ **for you are my strong refuge.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

*Said by all, with one voice.*

**Lord, we thank you for this morning.**  
**We thank you for the energy and fellowship of youth past and present**  
**in our congregation for the past one hundred years.**  
**We thank you for spring as it is a reminder of life renewed.**  
**Please stay with us and lead us to your will.**  
**We appreciate the mentors and friends from our days as youth.**  
**As we continually mature in our faith,**  
**allow us to also serve and welcome the youth of the future.**  
**We pray this in Jesus’ name.**  
**Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Response**

*Sanctuary*

**TWFS 2164**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary: pure and holy, tried and true.**  
**With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

## **A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)**

Ethan Palmer

*As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:*

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

*The young disciples (3 yr. - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise.*

*Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service.*

## **The First Lesson**

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

ACTS 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, who God raised from the dead.

"To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

∇. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Hymn**

**"Here I am, Lord" (vv.1-2)**

**UMH 593**

## **\*The Second Lesson**

**A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

LK. 24:36B-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

℣. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Little David, Play on your Harp*

Spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth  
Sung by the Youth & Chancel Choirs

### **The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

*Said by all, with one voice.*

**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, the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**The Message**

Reflections by MLUMC Youth of the Present and Past

### **\*The Sign of Peace**

℣. The peace of Christ be with you.

℞. **And also with you.**

*The people are now invited to share signs of peace with their fellow members of Christ's body.  
Extended conversation would ideally and most appropriately be reserved until the end of the service.*

### ***At the Offertory***

**\*The Offertory Hymn**

**"Great is thy faithfulness" (Centenary Edition)**

*See inserted*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my fa - ther; there is no sha - dow of  
 2. Here, O Good Lord, is our dear sanc - tu - a - ry; nay, tis not our sanc - tu -  
 3. Each ge - ne - ra - tion yields new, grace-filled fa - ces, live - ning thy church, just as

tur - ning with thee; thou chan - gest not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 a - ry, but thine. Thou art the gi - ver of all that we che - rish;  
 fresh al - tar flow'rs. They, like those flow'rs, ay are chan - ging and fleet - ing;

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as thou has been, thou for - e - ver wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy  
 thou art the mas - ter of this house di - vine. Lord, help them grow! Rain down bles - sings in show'rs!

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faith - ful - ness! Mor - ning by mor - ning, new mer - cies we see! Thou hast been faith - ful a

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cen - tury of Sun - days: strength - en and guide us in years yet to be.

**\*The Doxology**

**UMH 94**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**\*The Sending Hymn**

**"How great thou art"**

**UMH 77**

**\*The Dismissal and Congregational Response**

*Said together by all, with one voice.*

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

**May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.**

**May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**

NUM. 6:23-27

**The Postlude & Recessional**

*Christ, by whose death the Church on Earth was born*

Nancy Galbraith (b.1951)

*The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.*

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*Please remember in prayer:*

***Convalescing in care facilities***

Priscilla Utzig, Providence Point

Carol Fairgrieve, Providence Point

***Convalescing at home***

Bishop George Bashore

Jean Boyer

Don Langston

Susan Lichtenfels

Carol Van Sickle

Dawn Lonsinger

***Serving in the military***

Jason Boyer

SPC Natalie Brown

PFC William Dilla III

Maj. Zachary Allen Finch

1Lt. Shaun Hay

LCpl. Wyatt Hoover

James Iantelli

1Lt. Jaskiewicz

Sgt. Keith Kimmell

Sgt. Brendan Lamport

Sgt. Matthew McConahan

Thomas Orda

David Poncel

Sgt. Steven Reitz

LTC Scott B. Rushe

Pvt. Max Siegert

Pastor Rick Townes

Maj. Azizi Wesmiller

LTC Matthew Wesmiller

Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

*Leaders in Worship this Morning*

ABBY *and* EMMA PURTILL (10:45AM), ACOLYTES

JACOB LOWE, CROSS BEARER

PARKER CONNELL, JACOB LOWE, ABIGAIL LOWE, AND WESLEY PALMER, GREETERS/USHERS

ETHAN *and* WESLEY PALMER, LITURGIST

EVAN SHOFF AND PARKER CONNELL, LECTORS

LANEY SHOFF, RUSSELL DALE, KIM PALMER, AND ROB SPICHER, SPEAKERS

THE YOUTH CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CHANCEL CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, MINISTER OF MUSIC & ORGANIST

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

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*The altar flowers this morning given by*

Ruthe Fleming

*in loving memory of*

her husband, Bill.

*The flowers in the narthex this morning given by*

the Lonsinger Family

*in honor of*

Dawn,

*whose 90th birthday is celebrated on April 17<sup>th</sup>,*

*and who has been a faithful member of MLUMC for 77 years.*

*For information about furnishing altar flowers for future services,  
contact Lizzie Diller at 412-860-3614. The cost is \$45 per arrangement.*