

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 1, 2017, 11am

EASTER SUNDAY

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

PRELUDE

by video

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD from Matthew 28:1-10

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Handbells

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley and Palm Sunday Glory"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Please take a moment to register your attendance on the pew pads. Your faithfulness helps us keep up with those in worship. Guests, please also fill out the pew card you will find in the racks on the pews and drop them in the offering plate so that we can get to know you! Thank you for your attendance today!}

TIME OF GREETING

{Please extend a word of welcome and a hand of hospitality to each other.}

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

People: For He is our God and we are His people!

All: Let us Praise the Lord together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #310

"He Lives"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

(In Unison)

The Apostles' Creed (#881 UMH)

*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. (**universal)*

MORNING PRAYER

{Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have or know of a prayer concern that needs to be brought to the pastor's and/or congregation's attention, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. Prayers will be lifted up.}

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Colossians 1:12b-14

¹² He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

OFFERTORY SPECIAL

"God Is So Good"

Handbells

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are reminded today of your great power by raising Jesus from the dead. We are grateful that out of your love for us, you planned for all we would need. From food and water from the earth, to salvation at the expense of the life of Jesus, you planned to meet our needs, before you spoke us into creation. Thank you for rescuing us from the darkness and bringing us into your kingdom. We give back to you today as our way of saying thank you for providing for us. Help us to be witnesses of your grace and mercy throughout this community and beyond. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM

"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

Handbells

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(In Unison)

John 20:11-13 ¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Mark 16:1-8 ¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." ⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON

Rev. Kari L. Howard

The Message of the Resurrection Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #322

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

(The kneeling rail in United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time and spend time with God at the altar. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.)

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL**

by video

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE NOTES:

Mainline: Don't confuse the number of the _____ with the content of the _____.

1) Stumbling Block: The undisputable rule of mathematics: where there are _____, there is always _____.

Luke 24:4 *And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.*

2) Stepping Stone: The message of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus _____ He is Savior and Lord.

Romans 14:9 *For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*

3) The message of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus _____ His message is true.

Matthew 28:5-6b *But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.*

Matthew 16:21 *From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.*

4) The message of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus _____ our salvation.

Romans 4:24b-25 ²⁴ *...It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.*

Romans 10:9 ⁹ *...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

5) The message of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus _____ that death is defeated by life everlasting.

John 11:25-26 ²⁵ *Jesus said..., "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*



Special Thanks To Our Worship Associates

Worship Assistant: Cyndi Reinhardt
Announcements: Cyndi Reinhardt
Organist: April Brown Choir Director: Carol Petty
Ushers & Greeters: Dave Camp, Dave McGowan,
Mike Brown, Bill Burrow
Sound System & Power Point: Jenni May
Opening & Closing & Trash Detail: Mike Brown
CUOC Deliveries: Cindy Ingold
Special thanks to our Handbell Choir for sharing
special music with us today!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family

Bruce Burrow Thurman Coltrane
Vickie Freeman Lora Hill
Dave McGowan Carol Petty
Denny Reinhardt

Assisted & Skilled Living

Daffie Branson - Clapp's
Bernice Dwiggin - Somerset, Mocksville
Betty Hewitte - Autumn Care, Shalotte
Ruby Howard - Clapp's
Angie Isenhour - North Pointe
Cleo Munn - Camden Place, Greensboro
Rene Overton - Cross Roads
Kim Shaw - Woodland Hills
Joe Thomas - Cross Roads

Shut-Ins

Clarence Davis Ed Hinkel

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Our Church

The Unchurched

*Prayer requests will be left on for 2 weeks
unless specified for a longer time.*

Community Needs for April:
CUOC: Chef Boyardee
Hospice: Snacks

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 1

**7:00AM Sunrise Service with
breakfast afterwards
9:45AM Sunday School
10:30AM Choir Practice
11:00AM Worship**

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, April 3

**Church Office Closed for Holiday
12:00PM-1:00PM Table of Grace
Good Food & Good News**

Wednesday, April 4

**10:00AM Bulletin Deadline
No Bible Study Today**

Ministry Staff

Ministers Every Member
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**Benefit for Lora Hill &
Family,**

Saturday, April 28

Sponsored by

West Bend UMC & the

Randolph County Sherriff's Dept.

at West Bend Church's

Fellowship Hall

Dinner: 4 PM to 6 PM

Tickets: \$10 a plate:

Chicken pie, pintos, bread, slaw, dessert &

beverage; Children under 10: Donation

Drive Up Drive Thru Available

Live Auction: 7 PM

Tickets may be purchased from the

West Bend Church Office

or the Randolph Co. Jail.

New Bible Study starts soon!

**Call or e-mail Debra in the church office
and let her know you will be in
attendance so your materials may be
reserved.**

Offering Needed each Week is \$2,558.



***Please give so West Bend Church can
continue to shine the light throughout our
community and beyond.***

Welcome! We are glad you are here
today.

The bathrooms are located thru the
back doors of the sanctuary up the
stairs. A handicap bathroom is thru the
back doors to your left thru the Chapel.



Join us Sundays at 11:00 AM.
Sunday April 8, we begin a new
series, "Resurrection: History or
Hoax?" This series will be followed
with a series called, "Why, God?" If
you have had questions about the
events of the resurrection or have
ever asked God "Why?" then you'll
want to be with us for the next two
series as we learn together. We'll
also have a time of fellowship with
coffee and light refreshments from
10:15-10:45 AM each Sunday.

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



- Children's Bulletins & Crayons are available from the last shelf of the bookshelf in the back of the church.
- Ear buds are available for those hard of hearing. Please see the sound tech before worship begins.