



**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**10:15 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**      “Prelude and Fanfare on ‘Victory’”      D. Eliot/  
A. Wyton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own. He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship the Lord our God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”    #302 UMH  
*(verses 1-4)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we have heard the good news, how on the third day, Christ rose again. You rolled away the stone from the tomb. You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things! Yet, we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promises and to believe the good news of salvation: Christ is alive. Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 150 (*Response 1*) #862 UMH

**\*GLORIA** #71 UMH

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881 UMH

**THE FIRST READING** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 NT #220

**\*THE GOSPEL READING** John 20:1-18 NT #144

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “He is Risen”

**\*HYMN** “In the Garden” #314 UMH

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** “Jesus, the Christ, Is Risen Today” G. Handel/  
H. Hopson

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright” Dale Wood

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of hope, on this glad day we present our gifts to you, asking that they bloom like Easter flowers, wakening the world to your gift of love. We give thanks for the dawn of your new day, for the rising of the Son of righteousness, who fills the earth with light and life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I**  
HOLY BAPTISM  
REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RECEPTION INTO A LOCAL CONGREGATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

I present for Baptism: Jessie Mallory

I present Yvette Jones, Audrey Royster, Nina Gajewski and Victoria Adjekpiyede to reaffirm their faith

**RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

## **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Jessie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

## **CONFIRMATION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

**I will.**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“He Lives”

#310 UMH

**BENEDICTION** - *Following the blessing you may be seated as the candles are extinguished*

**POSTLUDE** “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” J. Wayne Kerr

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*\*Congregation stands as able*

## **WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.*

**“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God’s love with others.”**

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



**In Memory of:** Nelson & Sara Jones  
**Given by:** Wendy, Sara & Emily Kinsey

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### **WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Liturgist:** Jessie Mallory

**Scripture Reader:** Victoria Adjekpiyede

**Organist:** Tedd Didden

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### **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

There is an open Sunday for the sponsorship of the altar flowers on **April 24**. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers on that Sunday please contact Linda Keenan at 610-933-3332.



# Easter Flowers

*Given to the Glory of God By:*

*In MEMORY Of:*

The Davner Family

Bill Davner & Elinor Finkelstein

The Davner, Gildea,  
& Haring Families

George & Claire Haring

Tedd Didden

Lynn Williams Didden

Charles & Velma M. Williams

Rev. Dr. Clarence & E. Grace Didden

Florence, Susan, & James Hollinger

Loved Ones

John & Linda Keenan

Our Dear Friend, Alex Szabo

Deb Kontra

Loved Ones

Anthony & Catherine Maddonni

Our Loved Ones

Eileen & Dennis McCoy

Loved Ones

***Given to the Glory of God By:***

***In MEMORY Of:***

The Royer Family

Loved Ones

The Sheridan Family

Loved Ones

Clarence &  
Mary Ann Swire

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Swire  
Mr. & Mrs. George Stuart

***Given to the Glory of God By:***

***In HONOR Of:***

Kermit Fitzgerald & Michelle Leddy

Our Families

Pastor Carlotta Madison

Family & Friends

Jessie Mallory

Iona

Eileen & Dennis McCoy

Our Loved Ones

Beth Sheridan

Sherri Printz Rinehart

***Please see Beth Sheridan at the conclusion of the  
service to retrieve your plant(s).***

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Carol Gajewski** (*Nina's Mother*), Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Paradise Manor, 206 E. Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier**, Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E. Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; **Elizabeth "Betty" Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing/B31B

**PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING:** Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Stephen Deering, Scotti DeMartinis' daughter Jenny & Family, Jessie Emerson, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Rachel Good, Shirley Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Roger Layne, Meaghen King, Eileen Lenzi, Bill McCarron, Family of Thelma McCaughey, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Bill Swier, Linda Swier, Earl Walter, and Jane Westhafer

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:**  
Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY IS STILL GOING!** We will meet each week after Easter, following Sunday Worship until the book is finished. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us as we use Max Lucado's book, "Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine," to guide our study of God's Grace. We meet in the Nursery. So, you haven't been to a class; or you don't have a book, not to worry. Come, watch the DVD and share in the discussion.

**THE ANNOUNCER EDITORS** – invite you to share your fondest memories of Asbury's activities and/or members who have passed on. Submissions may be long or short; just sign it and give to Cynthia or Florence after church, via email (*see Announcer calendar*); or in a mailbox in the vestibule.

**DEADLINE is 15<sup>th</sup> of each publication month.**

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK** – **Boxed Cereals** have been added to **Pancake Mix** (*that can be mixed with water*) & **Syrup**, items that are currently in short supply. A special thank you is extended to all who continue to support this cause. What we contribute is very much appreciated and is part of our ministry into the community.

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 46**

**Please remember to sign in each Sunday.**

**OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:**

Envelope (General)	\$ 2,457.00
Plate	66.00
Flowers	30.00
Heater Campaign	330.00
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,033.00</b>