

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965*

*Director of Music: Karen Fumerola*

*Organist: Barbara Edwards*

*(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

**Welcome to our Sunday service. Please use the time during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship in quiet reflection and prayer and allow others to do the same. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.**

Prelude "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" *John Hatton*  
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting  
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you."  
People: **"And also with you."**

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gerald Gammon

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "He Lives" *Alfred Ackley*

\*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ is free of the tomb!

**All: He is risen! He is risen!**

Leader: Jesus has overcome the power of eternal death!

**All: He is risen! He is risen!**

Leader: Blessed are we to receive the King of all!

**All: He is risen! He is risen!**

Leader: May we someday follow Him to Heaven's gate.

**All: We pray in His most holy name. Amen.**

\*Hymn (insert) "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"  
tune: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Jesus, Lord of light, love, and life, we seek You throughout creation. Allow us, though we are unworthy, to find You in every place we go and in everyone we meet. Help us, O Lord, to be holy like You, and to love as we should. We pray in Your blessed name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "He Is King of Kings" *arr. Olive Williams*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" *William Gaither*

\*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn #370 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

All Sing "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Scripture **Psalm 133** (pg. 575 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*

**Acts 4: 32-35** (pg. 122 N.T.)

Gospel **John 20: 19-31** (pg. 115 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Believe" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #358 "Because He Lives"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" *arr. Richard Avery & Donald Marsh*

Postlude "Walking Up the King's Highway" *Mary Gardner & Thomas Dorsey*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

04/07/2024

Please call the church office or fill out a prayer card if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list.

**Thought for the Week: Where do my beliefs take me?**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

**Floating Five:** Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

**Hamilton Road:** They will be performing on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, so bring your friends! We are asking people to bake two dozen cookies so we have enough cookies and refreshments. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

**2024 Communion Schedule:** Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule located on the lobby table and choose a Sunday when you can prepare the elements for Holy Communion.

**Toy Drive:** We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November for the Warren Family Mission. If you wish to participate, there will be a bin in the lobby where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at any time. In late November or early December, we will take these toys to the Mission for their yearly Christmas give away. Please keep in mind that while it’s fun to shop for the little ones, there are teenagers who need love and support at Christmas also. Thank you in advance for your kindness. If you have any questions please see Karen Schoch.

**Thank You:** I want to thank the congregation for the beautiful lily. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.  
*Barbara Edwards*

**Thank You!** What a wonderful month we had last month! The Deacons’ Bake Sale was a huge success, thanks to their hard work and your continued support. Holy Week was a wonderful tribute to our awesome Lord. Thank you to all who read, decorated, attended, and of course, to those that brought goodies to share Easter morning. May the power of the Holy Spirit keep us as invigorated in all our days ahead! God bless you all!

	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>
Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$2,390.00	\$731.00	\$591.00	\$ 281.00	\$ 920.36
Floating Five	\$ 74.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00
Flowers				\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00
Lilies		\$ 60.00		\$ 19.90	
Bake Sale		\$ 15.00		\$ 665.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,519.00</b>	<b>\$916.00</b>	<b>\$691.00</b>	<b>\$1,165.90</b>	<b>\$1,150.36</b>

<b>March Income</b>	<b>March Expenditures</b>	<b>March Net</b>
\$6,447.26	\$6,326.32	\$120.94

**Prayer List**

**Shut-in**

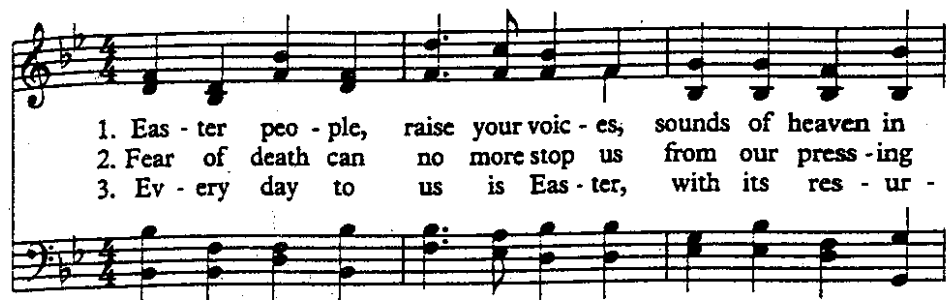
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Jerry Currie	Marilyn Leiby	Ruth Gilbert
Dave Davis	Dean Mahalick	Betty Howren
Rodger Davis	Peggy Marshall	Dick Leiby
Steve Doracin	Larry Mattison	Marilyn Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Norma Patchin	Glenn Mark
Donald Gammon	Kay Patrick	Norma Patchin
Wesley Gault	Jeff Robinson	Barb Sponaugle
Phil Graham	Mary Sabol	
Ruth Gilbert	Layes Wood	

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

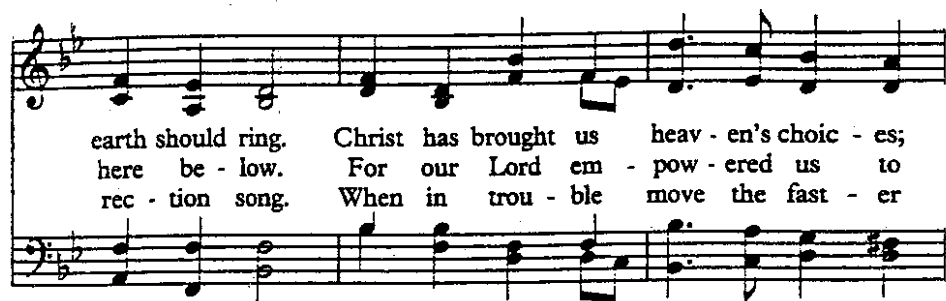
**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, April 7	Floating Five Sunday
Monday, April 8	Deacons/Elders Meetings @ 6:15 p.m. followed by Consistory meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 13	Hamilton Road Concert 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 15	Meeting with General Minister of Living Water Association 6:30 p.m.

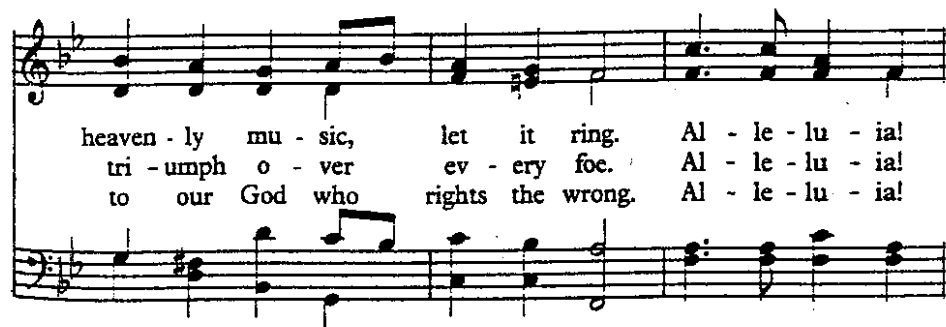
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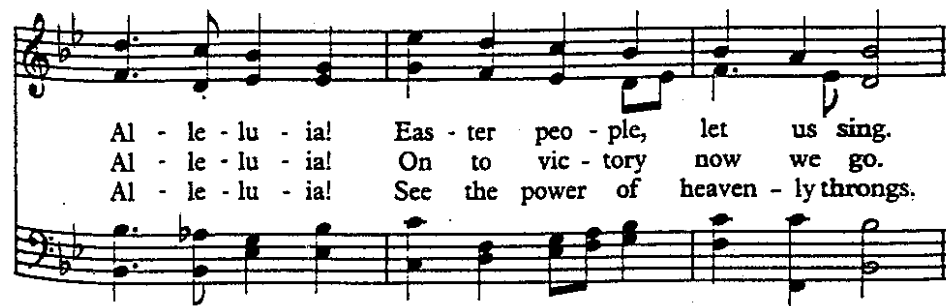
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2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



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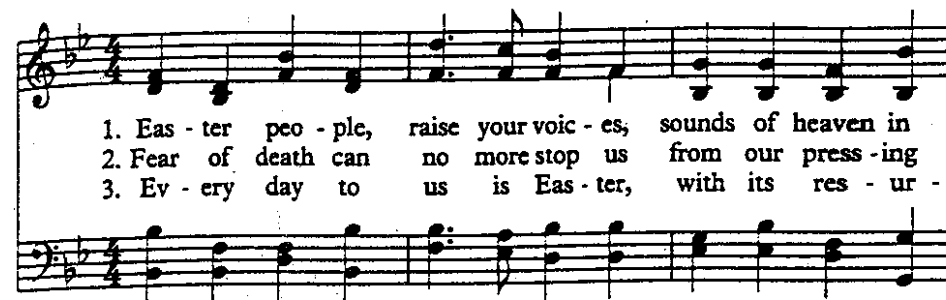


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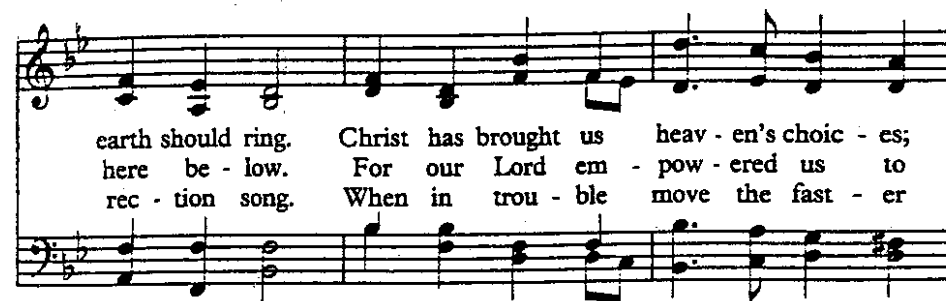


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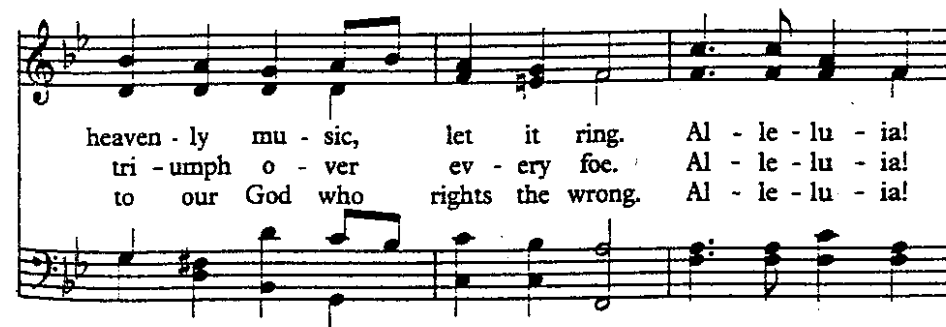
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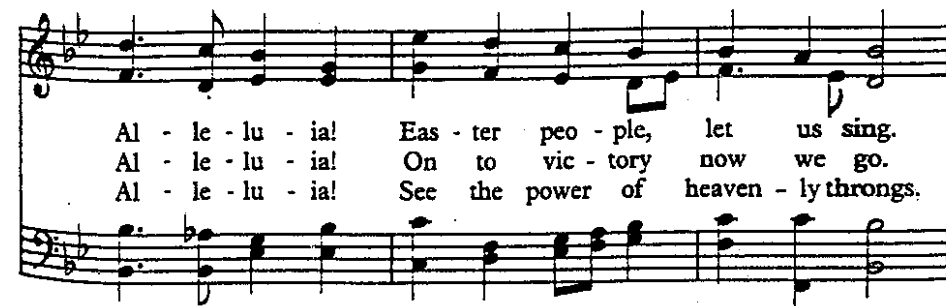
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