

Easter Day
April 16, 2017 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles “Easter Prelude” (arr. Smith) Sandy Griese

Introit

*Call to Worship
L: Christ is risen!
P: The Lord has risen indeed!
L: The darkness is gone and gone is the stone!
P: Christ our Lord has risen today!
All: This is the day! Let us rejoice and be glad! Amen.

*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH 302

*Opening Prayer (in unison)
“God of resurrection, wonder, and love, our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of new life in Jesus. In the holy awe of this Easter morning, help us hear the risen Christ call each of us by name. Receive our praise, reveal Your presence, and send into our hearts the Spirit of the risen Lord. Amen.”

*Passing of the Peace & Easter Joy

Anthem “A Resurrection Declaration” (arr. Johnson) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn Response “He Is Lord” UMH 177

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 118:1-4, 14-24
New Testament Acts 10:34-43 Don Stewart

*Hymn of Faith “Christ Is Risen” UMH 307

*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Message “Open Grave, Open Gates” Rev. Wayne Chung
Christ is risen today! By God's mighty power, the grave is now open and so are the gates. What else could be opened? "This is the day! Rejoice and be glad today!"

Responsorial Prayer (in unison)
“Almighty God, You give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in Your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Giving in Response to God’s Love
Offertory “Because He Lives” (arr. McDonald) Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Hymn “Christ Is Alive” UMH 318

Sending Forth God’s Light and Love

*“Hallelujah Chorus” (Handel) Sanctuary Choir and Friends
The Hallelujah Chorus will be sung to the glory of God in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. If you know the Hallelujah Chorus you are invited to come up and join the choirs as we sing.

Postlude “Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today” (arr. Thygerson) Sandy Griese

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Lection Reading for Following Sunday Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Charlie & Corki Wight in celebration of 29 years of marriage today!

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: The Family of Jack T. Dorsey, Sr. who passed away on April 10, The Kotoriy Family, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

Our Presence:	Worship Attendance Last Sunday	254
	Average Worship Attendance	194
	Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	77

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-February 2017					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$70,308		\$65,016		\$5,292	8%
Missions Fund	\$3,117		\$3,258		(\$141)	-4%
P&I Fund	\$2,981		\$3,000		(\$19)	-1%
Building Fund	\$12,477		\$11,000		\$1,477	13%
Kitchen Fund	\$670		\$4,000		(#3,330)	-83%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	33	Other	7	YTD Cereal	448

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$113,581 as of February 28, 2017
Mortgage Loan Balance = \$501,177 as of February 28, 2017

Service:	
Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griesse, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Joyce Terry & Ed Hall
Ushers	Ginger & Mike Walls
Junior Usher	Katie Elliott
Altar Guild for April	Kitty Beck Wilson (410-257-6519)
Friendship Hour	No Friendship Hour Today
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