

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
APRIL 16, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith We Sing* (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, where able.

The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

PRELUDE **Prélude** Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day and in days to come may we remember that there are times when God restates the joyful resurrection proclamation!

People: Abilities faded and forgotten are channeled toward new creativity—that's resurrection!

Leader: Friendships once killed by frosty misunderstanding bloom again in warm reconciliation—that's resurrection!

People: Hopes glimmering and gone are rekindled by expressions of caring—that's resurrection!

Leader: Faith, dulled by lack of exercise, dances again to God's everyday rhythms—that's resurrection!

All: We worship the God whose resurrecting power lives on as does the Christ we serve.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 304**
Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your holy ears hear us and never miss a word. Cry after cry and prayer after prayer we lay our burdens at your feet. Sometimes we receive an answer and we celebrate. Other times we miss your answer and we wonder, just as the psalmists did, are you listening God? But we know deep down that you are. It is we who need to practice listening to you. Forgive us, Lord, for our mouths are open more than our ears. Forgive us, Lord, for not hearing your response to our prayers. Forgive us, Lord, for not hearing when you speak to us first.

Our repentance today is silence, Lord, so that in this moment we might hear the echoes of what you have already said. (Pause in silence to listen to God.)

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dandelion Fluff
Cate Hill, piano

UMH No. 881

Hague/Fisher

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 309.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

-Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and powerful God, as far beyond our comprehension as is the grand design of your universe, we seek to know you through the poor vehicle of words. May we go beyond hearing to doing. In the name of Jesus, who still speaks. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7
*John 20:11-18 OT Page 679
 NT Page 114

SERMON

Echoes from the Tomb
 Rev. Stephan Margeson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

OFFERTORY

My Hope Is Built

Margaret Dalton, soprano
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
-Edward Mote (1797-1874)

Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

UMH No. 94

* **CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 303 The Day of Resurrection**

LANCASHIRE

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **Toccata in G Major** Théodore Dubois

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Gene and Elizabeth Fonville.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Clara Clayton on her 87th birthday by her family.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in April are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Lee Ann Michael, Carol Old, and Meredith Self.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Mark and Marie Crissman, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader: Steve Cecil

AT THE TABLE: be sure to check out and share the latest *At the Table* video premiering Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.

CAR MAGNETS AND STICKERS

We have a gift for you! Car magnets and stickers of our new logo are now in the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Please take what you'll use.

APRIL FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

This academic year, our Backpack Ministry supplies food for 200 children at Eastlawn Elementary. In April, we are collecting the following items: canned corn and green beans, mac n cheese, pasta, and pasta sauce in plastic jars or cans. Please deposit donations outside the church office.

FRESH MOBILE MARKET

The Fresh Mobile Market is coming up on **Wednesday, April 19** in the parking lot of Northside Presbyterian Church, which is located at 1805 Vaughn Road. We will distribute fresh food (meat, fruit & vegetables, bread, etc.) to the hungry. Our target audience is Eastlawn families, but anyone is welcome. This is a drive-thru distribution. We need lots of volunteers to make this run smoothly. The market begins at 2:00 p.m. and lasts until we run out of food—usually about an hour and a half or so. Volunteers are needed to help box food, load cars, and direct traffic. If you want to help with the Fresh Mobile Market, sign up at www.frontstreetumc.org or contact Ms. Melissa at melissa@frontstreetumc.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT-FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

FOR CHILDREN 4 YEARS OLD AND UP

The cost is \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child, and includes a pizza dinner. There will be games, arts & crafts, and more! All proceeds will benefit the Afterschool program. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org to learn more and sign up by April 24.

MISSION WORK DAY OPPORTUNITY

Front Street UMC and First Reformed UCC are co-sponsoring a Hometown Mission Work Day Event on **Saturday, April 29**. Volunteers will make repairs and improvements to yards and homes of Meals on Wheels recipients in the Burlington area. Here's a tentative schedule:

- 8:30 - 9:00: Meet in Fellowship Hall of First Reformed UCC (513 W. Front Street). Work teams will be introduced and coffee, juice, and muffins will be available.
- 9:30 - 11:30: Work site 1
- 11:30 - 12:30: Lunch (on your own) and travel time
- 12:30 - 2:30: Work site 2

For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Fred Glassford (336-260-7111 or jfredglass@aol.com) or Salley Bradford (336-584-7401 or salleybradford@yahoo.com).

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register your child or grandchild for VBS (June 26-30) now at www.frontstreetumc.org. Register by **April 30** for early bird rates of \$20 per child/\$40 cap. After April 30, cost increases to \$25 per child/\$50 cap. Registration closes on June 4. Learn more at www.frontstreetumc.org.

THE UPPER ROOM

The May-June issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 14 and 21 and June 11, 18, and 25**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023

Sunday, April 16

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 UMYF - Corridor District Youth Service Day	Camp Chestnut Ridge

Monday, April 17

7:00 Worship Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
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Tuesday, April 18

8:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15 Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00 Circle 5 Meeting	Heritage Center

Wednesday, April 19

2:00 Fresh Mobile Market	Northside Presbyterian Church
7:00 Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, April 20

9:30 Prayer Ministry	Room 402
10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	Room 405
7:00 Building and Grounds Meeting	Ministry Center

Sunday, April 23

8:45 Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45 Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

BUCKNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON - JULY 22, 2023

LAKE CAMMACK, 4790 UNION RIDGE ROAD IN BURLINGTON

This is a sprint distance triathlon that has seen thousands of participants from around the state and farther reaching southeast. The proceeds of the race go towards missions. Individuals and teams of all levels are encouraged to participate! Church teams are welcome, too! An event like this takes many helping hands. Please contact David Hoxie at dr.cphoxie@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

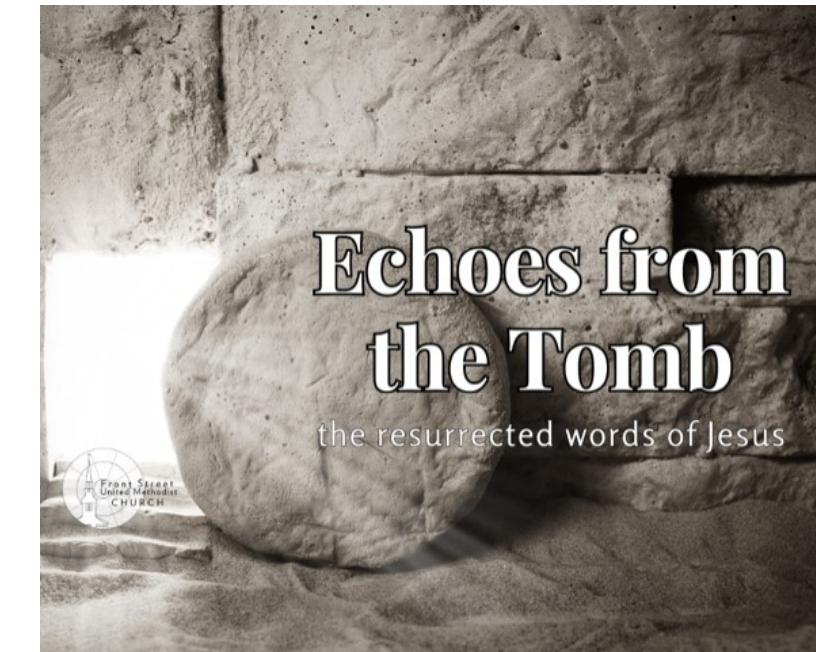
LIVE-STREAMING

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the sanctuary a non-video zone. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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