

# RESURRECTION SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

**INTROIT** *Easter Joy* Peter Benjamin

## WELCOME & PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: *Christ is risen.*

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\***HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen* Red #167; vv. 1,2,3

## PASSING THE PEACE

## KIDS' TALK

**COLLECTION OF OFFERINGS** *The Easter Promise*

## \*DOXOLOGY

## PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

**ANTHEM** *Christ is Alive* Choir

**SCRIPTURE** *John 1:1-4; 10:7-11* (p. 1509/1527)

## RESPONSE

L: *The Word of the Lord for our good.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Giver of life*

## REMEMBERING THE LORD THROUGH COMMUNION

### INTRODUCTION

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*debts/debtors*)

**INVITATION** Communion will be served in the pews today,  
and all who are trusting in or seeking God's grace are welcome to  
participate.

## THANKSGIVING

***We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table  
where we remember the Lord who died  
and was raised from the grave.***

***Deepen our faith, broaden our love for one  
another, and help us live to Your praise and  
glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ our  
Savior. Amen.***

### \*AS WE PREPARE TO GO

A quiet moment to ask God's peace and strength as we move into whatever  
lies before us...

\***HYMN** *Jesus Lives* Red #168; vv. 1,3

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*HALLELUJAH

**POSTLUDE** *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* Handel

\*As you are able, please stand

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If you're new to or checking out St. Thomas, welcome!  
To share a prayer request, or receive email updates about the  
church,  
please fill out a white 'Hi!' card (they're in the pew rack) and leave it  
on the pew.

*Stepping Stones* is not meeting today—but returns next week with  
Bible stories & activities for kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Care for younger children is available today in the Nursery.

## NEWS & NOTES

Drop in for **Morning Coffee** Tues, April 2, 10-11a (Fellowship Hall).

The next **Restaurant Night** is this Tuesday, April 2, 4-8pm, @Red Robin on Jonestown Road. Mention that you're with St. Thomas, and 20% of the food bill will be donated to the General Fund.

The **midweek online study** meets via zoom on Wednesdays, 7-8pm, for discussion of the Bible's 1-chapter books.

**Adult Forum** resumes next Sunday, with continued study of Luke's Gospel (10.30-11.15am in Fellowship Hall).

Interested in helping with local routes for **Meals on Wheels?** Contact Deb Hepler at 717.443.3259 for more info.

St. Thomas plans to donate 2 baskets for the **UCC Homes' Helping Hands auction**. If you'd like to contribute, contact Marilyn Beistel.

Thanks to a donor, **seats are available** for the annual UCC Homes luncheon & auction on May 4 at the Hershey Country Club. Please contact the office if interested.

### *Looking Ahead*

Apr 6 Chicken BBQ

Apr 7 Pastoral transition update

Apr 21 Quarterly update & Congregational Meeting

Apr 28 Church social

Aug 11 Boat Church

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### *For March 24, 2024*

Contributions to Gen Fund:

\$2,982; YTD: \$34,085 (Budget: \$2,789; YTD: \$33,472)

Attendance: 62 sanctuary/8 online

## A New Creed (from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

**Easter flowers have been placed in the sanctuary by the following persons and families:**



**To the Glory of God**

*...Joe & Mary Ellen Rutter  
...Alan & Claire Gallagher  
...Christ is risen, He is risen indeed by Joe & Mary Ellen Rutter*

**In Loving Memory of**

*...Cecil Richardson & Nancy Boyle by Bob & Leslie Richardson  
...Thomas Eichman by Bob & Leslie Richardson  
...Suzann Capp by Ed & Millie Capp  
...Donald Sobr Sr. by Ed & Millie Capp  
...our parents by Bill & Laurie Soles.  
...our son, Kyle Derek Edmunds by Tom & Irene Edmunds  
... our sister, Donna Heariksen by Marilyn & Jack Beistel  
...Elwood & Dolly Hepler by the Schoonover family.  
...the parents of Linda Oberholtzer  
...the parents of Gary Oberholtzer*

**In Honor of**

*...our children & grandchildren by Bill & Laurie Soles  
...the resurrection of Jesus by John & Patti Hanawalt  
...Steve & Wendy Hepler by William Schoonover  
...Ben & Darlene Byers by Dale & Sue Byers  
...our granddaughter, Ellie, by Dale & Sue Byers  
...my husband, Dale byers, by Sue Byers  
...our grandsons, Kean & Kade, by Bob & Leslie Richardson*

**Please pick up your flowers after the Easter worship service. Care to share them with a sick or shut-in member of the congregation, please tact the church office.**