

9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name

Prelude

9:00 - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* - Diane Bish

11:00 - *Festival Intrada* - Richard Strauss

Call to Worship

Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.

We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

The Sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright! The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.

Now we understand what Christ said, what God did. Now we can proclaim,

CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!

Opening Hymn No. 302** - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (vv. 1-4)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Invocation

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:50 - 24:5 (New Testament page 89/84)

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Anthem (11:00) - *Jesus Rose* - Ruth Schram

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem

9:00 - *Crown Him* - Dan Forrest

11:00 - *On the Third Day* - Allen Pote

Sermon - *Sunday's Comin'*

Rev. Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn of Response No. 303** - *The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,

with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Discipleship Moment

Offertory

9:00 - *He Is Alive* - Buryl Red

11:00 - *Since By Man Came Death* from *Messiah* - G. F. Handel

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Hymn No. 702** - Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,

there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices;
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Benediction

Benediction Response

9:00 - (Hymn No. 322)

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

11:00 - *Easter Benediction* - Tim Zuschin

Postlude - Symphony 5: Toccata - Charles-Marie Widor



9:00 Epworth Choir; Brass - Andre Rudlosky, Chad Wagner, Tommy Farmer, Gabby Schmidt, Jacob Schmidt.

11:00 Bethlehem Choir; Chancel Choir; Instrumentalists - Mark Wade, Cristina Wade, Tim Stewart, Nolan Miller, Erika Beyer, Mark Mauldin, Neil Lantry

****Please stand as you are able. Words printed in bold should be said by all. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available upon request by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

CHURCH NOTES

UMW Accessory Sale: It's back! The sale will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We are asking for donations of gently used jewelry, purses, and scarves. The deadline for donations is Sunday, May 8. All money raised goes to missions.

Montgomery Scholarship: Applications are available for the Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship. They may be picked up in the church office. **The deadline to submit applications will be Friday, April 22.** Applicants must be a member of First Church, be a graduating senior, and be planning to enroll in college or a technical school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is open online at <http://firstchurchcf.mycokesburyvbs.com>. Space is limited so don't delay. VBS runs from June 13-17 and there are programs for children aged 3 years to 6th grade. Full details are online.

VBS needs: We are in need of paper towel rolls for a VBS mission project. Please drop off before Sunday, June 5.

Camp Sunday: Next Sunday is Camp Sunday at Children's Worship and children through 6th grade are invited to learn about the opportunities that are available. All children are eligible for a church and an East Ohio Conference scholarship.

Financial Peace University: Our Stewardship team has obtained a Ramsey+ site license and we're offering it as a free gift to help you achieve your goals of living a debt free life, giving generously, living the life you are called to live, and sharing this gift with your family. Classes will begin on Sunday, April 24 from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$75 per family unit with a \$25 rebate for attending all the classes. Childcare will be provided. Access it at: <https://www.financialpeace.com/hosts/fumccuyahoga?pc=57393889>

Acts of Grace Circle Mission Project: Beds for Kids: When Summit County Children Services social workers enter homes to assess concerns of child abuse and neglect, they frequently find children without safe sleeping conditions. The circle is collecting new twin or crib bedding, sheets, blankets and pillows, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. You may include your donation in the offering plate or drop box, checks made payable to UMW, memo Beds for Kids. Donated items may be taken to the area church or if you have questions you can contact Nancy Lyberger at 330-524-6378.

High School Seniors: Seniors will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 22. We don't want to miss anyone, so please email your name and school to Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Parents of Current 6th Graders: Epworth Choir and Youth Group are open to students in grades 7-12. If you have a student who will be starting 7th grade in the fall, we would love to add them to our Epworth email list. Please send their names to Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com.

OPEN M mission project: OPEN has a young female client, Mia, who is pregnant and her husband went back to their home country to try and get a work visa to help out. She has had minimal prenatal care and is in need of supplies when the baby arrives. We are taking a collection of clothes, blankets, gift cards for diapers, etc. to help her out. The baby is due in April and is a girl. Donations can be dropped off at the church or if you have questions you can contact Nancy Lyberger at 330-524-6378.

Holy Land Journey: Revs. Karol and Jim Lewis, PhD would like to invite you to join them on a journey to follow Jesus' footsteps in the Holy Land January 30 - February 7, 2023. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Lowest price opportunity ends April 30. Call Pastor Karol for more information.

Mark Kroos Concert: On Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. guitarist Mark Kroos returns to First Church for a concert. Mark will play two guitar necks at the same time. His instrumental style is characterized by open harmonies, polyphonic textures, incredible tapping technique, and is as entertaining to watch as it is to listen. His performances burst with energy and magnetism not typical of solo guitar music.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Do you know how to knit or crochet? First Church Prayer Shawl Ministry has been working hard for many years, knitting and crocheting prayer shawls for many people who are hurting mentally or physically. The

shawls are simply done but keeping with rows of three to symbolize the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We have monthly meetings which you may want to attend to help us decide who needs a shawl and then to help us pray for them. If you would be willing to help us, please contact Mary Tunstall (330-923-9870) or Kathy Walker (330-338-5900) to get more information.

OPEN M Speaker: Beth Boggins from Open M will speak at the Acts of Grace Circle meeting on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the church Parlor. The Executive Director will also be there to share. Everyone is welcome to attend. Find out more about this vital ministry.

Financial update:

Compared to Budget

	Mar. <u>2022</u>	Year-to-date <u>3/31/22</u>	Annual Budget <u>2022</u>	Projected Actual <u>2022</u>
Income	-\$9,194	-\$12,931	\$780,918	\$767,987
Operating Expenses	-\$2,001	-\$2,946	\$835,345	\$832,399
Total Over/Under	-\$11,195	-\$9,985	-\$54,427	\$64,412

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MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

Michael Taucher – Western Reserve

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Don Corbett	Pat Park
Bob Ahonen	Jean Finnegan	David Potter
Shirley Asher	Dave Gohr	Robby & Lou Robinson
Mary Ellen Atwood	Rose Gregory	Kathi Sawyer
Alice Becher	Joyce Haberkost	Kay Steiner
Behrman family	Jim Henes	Ken Tunstall
Donna Copeland	George Kirk	Jim Vogel
	Gay Letzler	Peg Yeager

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Wanda and Ed Jesson on the passing of her father, Denny Lakarosky on 4/12.

Jean and Doug Flinn on the passing of her mother, member Dorothy Ann Duplaga on 4/12.