

***EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor*  
*Linda Bange, Organist/Director of Music*

*April 20, 2025*  
*8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

## *Order of Worship for Easter Sunday*

# WELCOME

*Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Today we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! The tomb is empty! The Resurrection makes ALL the difference. It is what separates Christianity from all other religions of the world. It is what brings light, life and hope to humanity. Christ our Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia! Amen!*

# PRELUDE

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES

INTROIT                                 *"Glory to the Risen King"*                                 Chancel Choir

EASTER GREETING  
This is the day of the Lord's victory.  
**Let us celebrate and rejoice!**  
Christ the Lord is risen today!  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN                      *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*                      UMH No. 302

**PRAYER**

**Gracious and Loving God, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. We pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

FROM THE SCRIPTURES                      Acts 10:34-43

*This text is part of Peter's sermon. His main point is that God shows no partiality. Everyone who believes in God is saved. Peter finally realized that God's love and salvation are open to everyone, both Jews and Gentiles. Anyone who believes in Jesus will receive forgiveness of sins.*

HYMN *“Up from the Grave He Arose”* UMH No. 322

GOSPEL LESSON                      John 20:1-18

*John presents us with the narrative that lies at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus, who was crucified, has been raised. We watch as Mary, Peter, and an unnamed disciple discover that Jesus' tomb is now empty—the outward and visible sign that Jesus has conquered death and that a new creation has begun.*

HYMN *"Thine Be the Glory"* UMH No. 308

SERMON                      “*A Defining Moment!*”                      Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN *“Victory in Jesus”* UMH No. 370

**EASTER PRAYER**

**God of all creation, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son for us. Lord, help us to live every day in the joy of Easter Sunday. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for your sacrifice. We give thanks for the days of good health and happiness, and we pray for those who are hurting, struggling and in need of your protection and healing. Give us compassionate hearts to reach out in loving care and the wisdom to witness to your presence. O God, we pray that you will help us to walk in your mighty grace and tell your good news to the world that our victory is in the Risen Christ, for Christ our Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Amen!**

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.**

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory Anthem	<i>“Easter Proclamation”</i>	Chancel Choir
*Presentation of Gifts		

*Doxology	<i>“Alleluia, Alleluia”</i>	UMH No. 162
<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.</b>		
<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.</b>		
<b>Come, let us praise the living God.</b>		
<b>Joyfully sing to our Savior.</b>		
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*Prayer of Dedication		
<b>O God, may these offerings bear witness to our faith in you and our confidence in your forgiving love for all humanity. With our gifts, we hope to extend the good news of Easter beyond this community and this nation. In the name of our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.</b>		

*HYMN	<i>“He Lives”</i>	UMH No. 310
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\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING  
\*POSTLUDE

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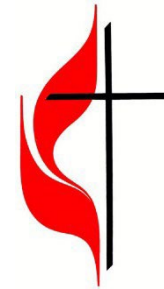
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