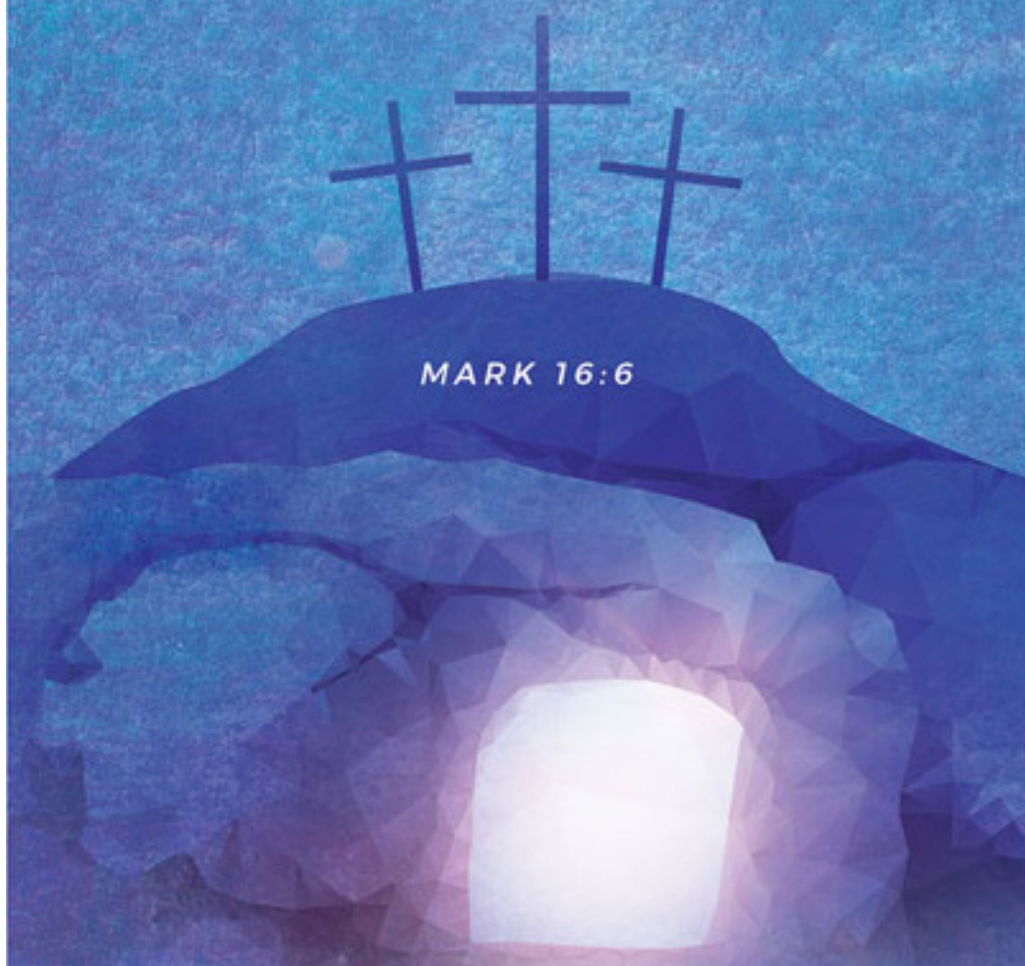


YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
JESUS THE NAZARENE,
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

He has risen!

HE IS NOT HERE.



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: David Radovich

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Sunday, April 9, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

**Please stand in body or spirit. - BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

PRELUDE

FANFARE FOR EASTER MORNING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

**Prayer of Confession*

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of the risen Lord, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Steve Strains and John Magrou

(Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to exit worship during the offertory for Sunday School in Room 301. Parents should pick up at 10 a.m. to join in the fun of the Easter Egg Hunt.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Divine redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeking: Who Are You Looking For?
Rev. Angela Ryo

HYMN

In The Garden

1. I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses (*Refrain*)

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing (*Refrain*)

3. I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night all around me is falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling (*Refrain*)

*(Refrain) And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known*

COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Word Through Music

Easter Anthem

Westminster Chorale

Prayer after Supper

***ANTHEM**

Hallelujah Chorus

Directed by Barry Reasoner

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Tocata

Widor

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Heartfelt Sympathy

Justak family in the loss of son Andrew (nephew of Carol Talabay)

New Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other

Larry Fiegle

Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)

Weekly Concerns

Cathy Bomberger, Spinal surgery

Jean Armstrong

Dave Ferguson

Dennis Orr

Scott Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)

Heidi Green (friend of Barbie Cook)

Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)

Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)

Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)

John Shields

Wendy Wilke (daughter of Martha) diagnosed with Dysautonomia

Continuing Care & Prayers

Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)

Ron Allen

Jean Armstrong

Buddy Borbely

Morgan Borbely Orrick

Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)

Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)

Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)

Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)

Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)

Mike Feege

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)

Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)

Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)

Dan Fieldhouse Family (friend/Shirley Golden)

Ed Harrison

Don Hill

Kim Karlen

Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)

Mary Kopasz

Largus Family (passing of Tom)

Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)

Joe McDaniel

Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)

Pedrick family

Eugene Pidzarko

Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)

Robbins Family (passing of Barb)

The Rumas Family (passing of mother Gwen)

Richard Simkins

Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)

Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas (friend of Wendy Borbely)

Mark Sweigart (friend of Barbie Cook)

Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)

Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)

Jim Yackel

Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 • 10:45AM

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

Beautiful Day

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Glorious Day

Kristian Stanfill

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Lord, You Have My Heart

Martin Smith

REFLECTION

Shine Like Stars

Passion

CLOSING SONGS

A New Hallelujah

Michael W. Smith

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School (K-5th Grade) - 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. in Room 301

Children are invited to exit 9 a.m. worship during the offertory for their Sunday School lesson prior to today's Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. in South Hall.



Disciples & Donuts (6th - 12th Grade) - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 401.

Students are invited to youth group for donuts and a quick devotion.



Stations of the Cross - Art Exhibit - Closes Today

Our Stations of the Cross Art Exhibit closes today. Please feel free to walk the Stations.

Upcoming Events



Youth Group: Tuesday, April 11

Study Time (3- 4:30 p.m.) and Study Break Activity (4:30-5:30 p.m.)



Volleyball Sunday: Sunday, April 16

Our volleyball teams will be celebrated during worship this day.



Westminster Forum - April 23 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Dr. Ken Sawyer, the professor of church history at McCormick Theological Seminary, will have a 4-Sunday series about the history of the Presbyterian Church in America. After today, he will be with us again on April 23 and 30.



New Member Meet & Greet - April 23 at Noon in Room 209

Are you interested in becoming part of our church family? Sign up at the visitors table, call the church at 219-838-3131 or e-mail Gina at gnida@wpcmunster.org. Lunch & childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP by April 19 to Gina Nida at 219.836.4141. Be sure to let us know if you need childcare.



Book Discussion - April 20 at 7pm

Come discuss the book, Next Level Living by Rich Rogers with Mary Lou DiCostanzo. Starts on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in room 106.



The Good Book Club - April 28 at 1pm

The Good Book Club will meet April 28 at 1:00pm in room 209 to discuss Blessings by Anna Quindlen.



Pickleball - Every Saturday & Sunday (except Easter weekend)

Please visit the website and/or app to view the dates and to reserve your spot!



Youth Mission Trip Fundraising

Our youth will be selling flower vouchers, collecting music items for their Cash for Clutter booth as well as offering the "Sponsorship" wall in the coming months as they prepare for their Nashville trip in July. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.