

ALLENTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

10:30 a.m.

A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus the Christ

* Indicates congregation standing in body or spirit.

Music As We Gather

Prayer

God of new life and new possibilities, we gather to sing our songs of gladness and to share your steadfast love. Some of us come from the shadows of our lives, as we anticipate the light. Some of us come eager to learn, but are unsure of what it all means. Some of us come in grief, grateful to discover hope. Wherever we have come from, may we all find you, the risen Christ, the one who conquered death and proclaims new life for all. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Holy One, we are tired and a little terrified. We do not understand the confusing world around us. It is easier to live in the darkness than to walk toward the light. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer #270

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.

Psalter: Psalm 118: 14-24 UMH #839

*The Gloria Patri #70

Special Music: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
Dr. David Leifer

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Welcome

*Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH #322

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

This is my Bible. This is the Word of God. Lord, you said, that men, women, boys and girls cannot live by bread alone but every Word that comes out of the mouth of God. Lord, help me hide the word of God in my heart that I may not sin against you. Lord, help me to study the Word of God so I can rightly divide the truth. Lord, thank you for your Word. Amen.

Message: "Jesus Is Alive!"

Rev. Dr. Jessica Davis

Invitation of Discipleship "Walk with Me" FWS #2242

An Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of People

After each petition: **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we offer these gifts to you in thanksgiving and joy for the presence of the living Christ. May these gifts bring new life to those both near and far. And may we offer ourselves in service to you and to one another. Amen.

Announcements

L: Let us give thanks to God for these opportunities for fellowship, service and witness.

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn "Christ Is Alive"

UMH #318

*Benediction

Christ is risen!

Go and preach the good news:

"I have seen the Lord!"

Go in peace. Amen.

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED – LET OUR SERVICE NOW BEGIN

**The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

Welcome to Allentown United Methodist Church. We are glad that you chose to worship with us. If this is your first visit, we hope the following information is helpful. Upstairs **restrooms** are located at the top of the side entrance stairs and to your left. Downstairs restrooms can be reached from the front entrance by going through our Fellowship Hall, through the double doors and turn to your right. A **chairlift** to the sanctuary is also available at the side entrance.

PRAYER LIST: Joyce Benson, Ruth Bertagni, Linda & Judy Carben, Marlene Clay, Drew Elgrim, Norma Elgrim, Brenton German, Mary Jane German, Bruce Gollnick, Joe & Betty Lanzillo, Mari Loeffler, Alice & Richard Lloyd, Jack, Jill & Meredith Malloy, Linda Marsh, Shirley Mayer, Mike, Anika Mladendoff, Judy Mock & family, John Orsag, Barbara Reed, Rhonda, Rita Romeo, Liz Roof, Jacque Roszel, Carol Shindle, Deb Smetanka, Yana Tarjay, Fred Taylor, Marvin Thayer, Dorothy Tramontana, Debbie Weaver, Bill West, Henry Wikoff, Glenda Zimmerman, Family, Caregivers, Our Church, Our Nation and Leaders, World Leaders, an unspoken request, renewal. Pray for peace in this world, our country and community. Pray for healthcare professionals.

Pray for President Zelensky of Ukraine and for the people of Ukraine. Pray for peace.

PRAY for those serving in our Armed Forces: Philip Barnes, Ben Haigh Bavona, Brian Carpe, Justin Carpe, Abigail Chek, Joseph Chicoski, Jonathan Crawford, Nate Donney, Jeffrey Emanmi, Jonathan Mele, Tim Sorensen, Stan Wisniewski III.

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sunday Prayer and Meditation is at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Preparation for our worship begins prior to Sunday morning. The scriptures for April 24th are:

Psalm 150	Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

Join us for **Prayer** on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. by Zoom.

New Church App

Download the new Allentown UMC app at allentownumc.org. Remember to approve church notification so we can communicate with you.

Giving: We thank everyone for giving so faithfully to the needs of the church during this difficult time. If you are unable to be here in worship, you can mail your checks to the church.

News articles for the May-June **Church Newsletter** are due in the church office on April 26th.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Join by Computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/369017132>
Meeting ID: 369 017 132

Join by Telephone:

1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
1 253 215 8782 US
1 301 715 8592 US
1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 369 017 132

Maker's Place: We are continuing to collect diapers and wipes for Maker's Place.

The **Church Mouse Boutique** is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Boutique is not accepting clothing.

Shirley is looking for someone to work with her during the **Boutique** hours. We are putting together a schedule for April, May, June, July, and August. Please contact the church office to let us know when you are available.

Paper Shredding – free for Monmouth Country Residents. Saturday, June 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Upper Freehold Municipal Building, 314 Rt. 539, Cream Ridge.

Found: A pink and brown Bible – New Testament with the Psalms (Common English Bible). Please contact the church office if this is your Bible.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Free Dinner

Every Tuesday, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

At Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

Every Tuesday you are invited to come to the church for a free dinner to take home.

No questions asked. All are welcome.

Allentown Food Pantry

at Allentown Presbyterian Church

Hours: Monday and Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monmouth County Career Services

Career Opportunity! – Brookdale Community College

Position: Instructor, History – Full-Time, One-Year Temporary for Fall 2022. Minimum qualifications: Master's degree or higher in History.

Position: Head Coach – Men's Lacrosse (Seasonal Job)
Minimum qualification: Bachelor's Degree, two years of related coaching experience necessary.

Application process: visit our website at: www.brookdalecc.edu – "Jobs@Brookdale" then "Brookdale employment opportunities listings" to view current jobs at the College, create an online application and apply for positions.

Our Purpose and Missional Statement

The Allentown United Methodist Church is a fellowship of Christians who gather to worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit calls us to care for each other, serve our neighbors and tell the good news of salvation through our worship, teaching, and example. We strive to bring the gospel and the love of Jesus to everyone we can in our community and in the world by sharing our goods, our time, our talents, and our prayers.

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jessica Davis

Music Director, Dr. David Leifer

Lay Leader, Linda Watson

Liturgist: Melinda Brown

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By Appointment

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EASTER LILIES

*Thank you to everyone who gave the beautiful
Easter Lilies.*

2 Given by Norma Elgrim in loving memory of her beloved husband Gene.

Given by Norma Elgrim, and Donna and John Kamer in loving memory of loved ones.

2 Given by Clarence and Linda Fennimore in memory of loved ones.

2 Given by Richard Heller in loving memory of Phyllis.

In honor of Allison, Jon, Dominic and Luca.

Given by the Lloyd Family in loving memory of McHenry Stiff III.

Given by Jack and Jill Malloy in honor of their daughter Meredith and in memory of their son Joe.

2 Given by Johanne Mayer in honor of her grandparents, Agnes and John Fiore.

In honor of Ann Smith.

2 Given by Linda and Dale Watson in memory of loved ones.

In honor of family.

2 Given by Tina and Stan Wisniewski in thanks for answered prayer for the safe return of Stan III.

Blessing for grandchildren.

In memory of church family who have gone home to be with the Lord.

SONG SHEET

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739
Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Up from the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

**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 for ever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior,
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1874

Walk with Me

Refrain:

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, "Lord, don't send me."
but God told Moses, "You're the one
to set my people free."

Refrain

Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to
let God's love unlock the door.

Refrain

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.

Refrain

Words and Music: John S. Rice
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Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing,
his cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.

Christ is alive! and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian Wren, 1968
Music: *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789
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