

FIRSTCHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

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Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We pray that worship at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. Since we are currently under pandemic protocols, our time together will differ from our services in the past. We regret that nursery care and congregational singing are unavailable at this time. However, wireless hearing aids are available from the ushers. If the last year has taught us anything, it is that being together to worship God is an enormous blessing. Know that you are God's precious child, and you are welcome in God's house!

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Reflection on New Britain” by Charles Callahan

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

By showing his wounds, the risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

†OPENING HYMN

(Please Refrain from Singing Loudly)

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” vs. 1, 3, 4

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia! 3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne,

Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia! 4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

CONFSSION AND PARDON

Good and gracious God,

**we are creatures of dust,
ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us,
needing forgiveness.**

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Silence for personal confession.

ANTHEM

“Eden’s Song” arr. by Mark Schweizer

A memory of Eden stirs, and walks within the warmth of spring; It whispers every hope God has to Life Eternal, listening. Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey, unfurl by faith and not by sight; to touch the light of lengthening days that calls thee forth to green delight. The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share; lift every voice and celebrate, the living God, who's always there.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Simply Making Christ Real”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on New Britain” by Charles Callahan

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Chris Black, *Associate Pastor*

Liturgist: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*

Music: Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, *Director of Music & Worship*

Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*

Kirstine Andersen, David Buchanan, and Emily Ducko, *Vocalists*

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of the FUMC staff.