

Shavertown United Methodist Church

April 8-9, 2023

Easter Weekend

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

Welcome!

We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Christ will touch your heart with joy today! If this is your first time here, please fill out a "Connection Card" found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate this morning.

PRELUDE

(Sat) "'Tis the Spring of Saints Today"

By R.A. Williamson

Organ: Nancy Evans

(Sun) "Celebration Fanfare"

By Ron Mallory

Good News Ringers

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Folk (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

Trumpets sound.

Angels sing.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Joy fills our innermost being.

Children giggle with delight.

Christ is risen!

He is risen!

Love dances on an empty tomb!

Death has lost its fearful grip.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

ANTHEM

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

By Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir, Trumpet & Congregation

Trumpet: T.J. Storm

** We invite you to please stand in praise of God when prompted.*

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#302

Vs 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER

Carol Folk (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

Giver of new life, we gather with our smiling faces, our flowers, our alleluias, and song. We come to worship in beauty and in truth because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, because we have hope that the resurrection will enter into each of our lives and transform them, and because, through Christ's spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship, gracious God. Be present with us as daystar, miracle, and mystery, and as the tender hands of grace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT (Sun)

"Where Children Belong"

#2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

GIFT OF MUSIC (Sun)

"Sing a Joyous Alleluia"

By Linda Spevacek

Children of Light

AN EASTER PRAYER 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.**

WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Sat) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

By George Elvey

Piano: Nancy Evans

(Sun) "Sing Out With Joy"

By Sally Albrecht

God's Handful

*EASTER PRAISE

"Thine Be the Glory"

#308

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Carol Folk (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

Gracious God, for saving us from death; for opening our tombs and casting aside our burial garments; for all that you have given us, we give you our unending thanks and praise.
In your holy name we pray, Amen.

WORD OF GOD

John 20: 1-18 Carol Folk (Sat) Ginger McCabe (Sun)

MESSAGE

“CSI: The Empty Tomb” Pastor Jon

UNISON AFFIRMATION

We believe in God – who brings Easter into our Good Friday worlds, who brings sunshine after rain, hope in the midst of pain and tenderly calls our name.

We believe in Jesus Christ – the risen Savior, not locked in some cold-tomb past, but alive and appearing to women who followed him, the disciple who fled from him to Paul who persecuted him, and to us who seek him today. Christ is risen, and we can know and experience his presence.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – the invisible presence of God at work in our world bringing reconciliation instead of hatred, creating communities of support in the face of senseless tragedy.

We believe God is at work in the church and in us, creating a center of compassion, a fellowship of forgiveness, a gathering of grace; where joy glistens like dew on spring flowers and love flows like a mighty stream. Alleluia! Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Up From the Grave He Arose” #322

***BENEDICTION**

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Go, celebrate with joy God’s gift of new life!

Halleluia! Amen!

***RESPONSE (Sun)**

Hallelujah Chorus George F. Handel

From “The Messiah”

Featuring Chancel Choir, God’s Handful, Trumpet & Congregation
Trumpet: T.J. Storm

***POSTLUDE**

“He Lives”
By Alfred Ackley
Organ: Nancy Evans

