

Sunday
April 4, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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9:00-1:00



Visual Psalm: "Your Kindness Pierces Time Through"
Inspired by Psalm 118.

Reading: "The Mourning" — John 20:1

UMH: #322 (vs. 1, no chorus) "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Reading: "The Investigation" — John 20:2-10

UMH: #322 (vs. 2, no chorus) "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Reading: "The Encounter" — John 20:11-17

UMH: #322 (vs. 3, with chorus) "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Easter Acclamation (3 times)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Special Music: "My Redeemer Lives" ~ *Alex and the Band*

For the Kids: "The Story of Easter — *Jesus's Sacrifice*"

Sermon: "Alleluia!"

Reading: "The Sharing" — John 20:18

Confessing in Song: UMH #304 (vs. 1) "Easter People Raise Your Voices"

*Gifts, tithes, and offerings are collected during the singing.
Thank you for your love and support.*

Thanksgiving and Communion

Alleluia. The risen Christ is with us. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Death is conquered! Sin's power is broken. Praise to you, Conquering God! We have seen your glory. And we are yours! We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices. Yours, all yours! Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before creation, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space our instruments may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power. We stand in awe, trembling in the light of your glory! What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke, and you continuously sustained. Mercy! How full of mercy! How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of

angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy! Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy! Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing! You are holy, O God! Holy! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy! Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living! Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving! Worthy when you preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and gather disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed, new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all. Worthy! Worthy! Worthy above all!

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me." We remember. Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me." We remember. And on this day of days, we proclaim above all, worthy were you when the angels rolled away the stone, and you came forth from the tomb, trampling down death by death and to all in the graves restoring life.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and wine, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of

faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon these gifts. Come upon these gifts. Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood. Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world: That we with Mary Magdalene may proclaim the gospel boldly: Hear us, O God. That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary: Hear us, O God. That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished: Hear us, God. That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace: Hear us, O God. That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last. Hear us, O God.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb and our Easter rejoicing shall know no end. All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

Music As We Receive ~ Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

Thanksgiving After Communion

Triune God, you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, uniting us with you, filling us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Send us, rejoicing, to declare with Mary, in hearts, and hands, and voices, that day has dawned, and we have seen the Risen Lord. Amen.

Festive Sending Forth ~ Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

Visual Benediction: "He Is Risen!"

In Service to Our Country

Walker Polsinelli
Tyler Smith

Geoff White

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Flossie Lang
Robert & Carmen Parsons

Mina Willett
Betty Witcher

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Mike Tuinier was admitted to Three Rivers Hospital with COVID on Thursday evening. Please be in prayer for him and the family.

Previous Requests

Pray for every family undergoing difficulties.
Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

4/5 John Paul Culver	4/7 Matt Barton
4/5 Paul French	4/7 Karla Stubblefield
4/5 Hanna Ouvry	4/8 Xavier Cleveland
4/5 Stephen Phillips	4/8 Lynne Melvin
4/5 Georgia Rolfe	4/9 Alex Dailey
	4/10 Tim Melvin

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 5

no church activities are scheduled

Tuesday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Trustees in the Taylor Room

Wednesday, April 7

NO MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, April 8

no church activities are scheduled

Friday, April 9 — Pastor's Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, April 10

no church activities are scheduled

Next Week

Thursday, April 15

11:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room

Saturday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the parking lot till 9:30a

VUMC's Mission Statement



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Midweek prayer meeting

There will not be prayer meeting this week.

Priscilla Circle

On April 20 at 1:00 p.m., Priscilla Circle will have its first meeting of the year. We will be meeting at church in the Taylor Room.

Looking for a circle? COME JOIN US!

Watch any Sunday service anytime

on YouTube. Search for Vicksburg UMC and select it from the list, then select the service you want to watch.

Coming deadlines

- ShopWithScrip orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Thursday, Apr. 15.

April 18
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Native American Ministries Sunday celebration is April 18. This offering funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries. You may give at any time throughout the year.

If you would like to give, please make your check payable to VUMC and designate the offering on the memo line, then mail it in with your regular giving (217 S Main St, Vicksburg MI 49097), or bring it to church with you on Sunday. You may also give online at [UMC Special Sundays Support](#).

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343). When the voicemail connects, dial 370.

Donate through consignment

United Methodist Women has an account at Home Again Consignment Store at 815 W. Prairie, Vicksburg. Anyone can drop off good new or used items at the store, and the proceeds will be donated to UMW. You must make an appointment at 649-1944, Facebook page and <https://www.homeagainvicksburg.com/>. Facebook and website have the rules for consigning.

Amazon Smile donations

If you are an Amazon shopper, Amazon can donate a percentage of your purchase amounts to VUMC. If you would like to participate, shop at smile.amazon.com (instead of amazon.com). You will have the opportunity to choose Vicksburg United Methodist Church to receive a donation. It doesn't change the way you shop or order. Your shopping experience is exactly the same. It is free to use and confidential. No record of anyone's purchase is reported to VUMC. This is a donation from Amazon, not from shoppers. Just shop normally, and Amazon will take care of sending their donation. So if you shop Amazon, and you would like Amazon to donate to VUMC, we would appreciate it.

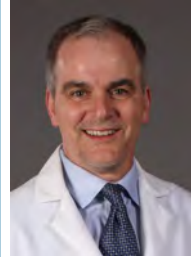
Coping Daily with the Pandemic

Susanna Wesley Circle
Thursday, April 15

11:00 a.m.



Dr. Larry Wile will be the guest speaker at Susanna Wesley Circle's April meeting. He will be speaking about the emotional effects of COVID-19 and the restrictions.



**Dr. Larry Wile,
MD, MPH**

Dr. Wile was born and raised in Portage. He graduated from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and the University of West Florida, where he earned the Masters of Public Health Degree. He now serves our local community at Bronson

Primary Care Partners on E. Centre Ave. in Portage.

Dr. Wile serves as the medical director for Van Buren and Cass County District Health Department, as well as serving with a local hospice agency.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting in the Taylor Room. Social distancing will be required, and hand sanitizer and masks will be provided.

