

Sunday  
April 21, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

## Easter Sunday

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Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates the people.**

\*Indicates please stand as able.

### Gathering

**Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities**

**Declaration of Resurrection:** Luke 23:50-24:12

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

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\***Hymn:** #302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

\***Litany of the Resurrection from Scripture**

Who is it you are looking for? (Matthew 20:15).

**Sir, we would like to see Jesus** (John 12:21).

Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay (Matthew 28:5-6).

**Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds** (Psalm 72:18).

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20).

**Praise the Lord, for he showed his wonderful love to me** (Psalm 31:21).

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3).

**Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his** (Daniel 2:20).

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law (1 Corinthians 15:55-56).

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ** (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

**Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen** (Psalm 72:19).

Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1).

**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, for everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen"** (Psalm 106:48).

Hallelujah! For our Lord God almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! (Revelation 19:6-7).

**\*Pass the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn: #2233** Where Children Belong

**Children's Time** ~ *Hank Stamm*

Children will return to their parents

**\*Hymn: #310** He Lives

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 118:1-12, 14-24

**Sermon:** "Open the Gates!"

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

Offertory: Christ Arose ~ *Chancel Choir*

**\*Doxology: #95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer**

*Please pass prayer request toward the aisle for the ushers to collect.*

**Holy Communion:** The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday

*This is the Lord's table. ALL who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to participate. Even if you're not so sure, maybe this means of grace will speak of Christ's love for you. Regardless, ALL are invited!*

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a joyful thing to praise You, Holy God, Who through Your Spirit anointed

Jesus of Nazareth to tell Your good news of grace and love through His life, death, and resurrection.

**Alleluia!**

Break open the tombs of our lives by Your earthquake and lightning that we may know Your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

**Alleluia!**

Grant us the awe and hope of the women as they heard the angel's word:

**Christ is not in the tomb! Christ is risen! Christ will go before us into the world!**

Pour out Your Spirit of Resurrection on us and on this bread and cup, that we may experience newness in our own lives and take Your good news to the world.

**Alleluia!**

Thanks be to You, God of creative newness!  
Thanks be to You, Christ, born among us!  
Thanks be to You, comforting and challenging Spirit!

**Thanks be to You, Holy God, Three-in-One. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy God, we thank You for satisfying the hunger in our hearts through giving us the Bread of Heaven. In sharing this holy meal, may we remember His death which gives us life, and His coming again which gives us hope. This we ask through Jesus Christ our King. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices

**\*Blessing**

May the God of peace, Who through the cross and tomb brought back from the dead Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through the One Who rose from the grave, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Go now, forth in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hallelujah Chorus**

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Joanne Culver's coworker is a single foster parent with a 6-month-old foster son hospitalized with respiratory illness, and a 2-yr-old foster son is also ill.

Julie Griffin has been sick.

### Previous Requests

Carol Eaton

Joe and Susan Hayes and family are mourning the loss of Joe's aunt Ruth.

Pastor Jonathan Loper of Greenwood Reformed Church was diagnosed recently with pancreatic cancer.

Tyler Lynch

Tim Melvin needs prayer as he continues to recover from last year's surgery.

Lee Philport and his daughter Jennifer are recovering from surgeries.

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.

### Spring Cleanup at Wesley Woods

It's time again for our spring cleanup on Sycamore Cabin at Wesley Woods! Brad Addis is looking for volunteers to go out to clean, rake, wash, scrub, and probably replace a few worn out or broken items. Anyone interested in going out Saturday, May 4, contact Brad at 649-1328 or 532-2296.

### Crop Walk

Join us next Sunday, April 28, for a walk to end hunger. Registration is at 1:00; the walk will begin at 2:00. See Brad Addis for information.

### Scholarship applications

Scholarship applications are available in the church office.

### Coming deadlines

- Items for the May newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, April 22.
- Minutes and reports for the May 6 Church Council meeting are due in the church office by Tuesday, April 30.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, May 1.

### POP! for Children

POP! will not meet today. We will meet again next Sunday.

### Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered.

### In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler  
Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Geoff White

### For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Pat McClelland  
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen  
Parsons  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Mina Willett

### This Week's Celebrations

#### Birthdays

4/22 Julie Taylor	4/24 Laura Asher
June Taylor	4/25 Bill Oswalt
4/23 Todd Griffin	4/26 Glory Bragg

Today's acolytes are  
Benjamin Culver and Gabriel Culver

April 14 attendance:  
Worship 131      Sunday School 42

## Spring Rummage Sale



**Need:** Clean, gently-used clothing, electronics, jewelry, tools, toys, decorations, books, movies, appliances, furniture, household items, crafts, etc.!

**Also Need:** Men & women volunteers! Any time – YOU choose the days and time – just show up – No Experience Necessary! Large paper grocery bags! Food for the workers is also appreciated!

**Drop off dates:** April 29<sup>th</sup> Monday (9-6) and April 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (9-noon).

**Sale dates:** **May 1<sup>st</sup>** Wednesday (9-6) and **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Thursday (9-2). On Thursday, unless noted otherwise, clothing is \$1/bag, 6<sup>th</sup> bag free!

**WE ALSO NEED SHOPPERS! We have lots of good stuff and bargains! Come, shop and save! All monies earned will be used for local and area mission programs!**



## Springtime New Beginnings

### All Daughter Dinner

Sponsored by Susanna Wesley Circle

**Wednesday, May 8**

6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center



**\$7** for adults; **\$3** for children age 10 and under  
Those in a high chair are free.

**Tickets will go on sale April 28.  
Get them at church or in the church office.**

## This Week's Calendar

### Today—Easter

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the FLC  
8:15 a.m. Breakfast in the Taylor Room  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the FLC

### Monday, April 22

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library  
6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee in the Library  
8:00 p.m. SPRC in the Library

### Tuesday, April 23

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance in the Taylor Room  
2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Rm 125 (Fish Rm)  
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Rm 107

### Wednesday, April 24

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room  
2:45 p.m. SHED (mid. school outreach), Rm 107  
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Rm 107

### Thursday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room  
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125 (Fish Rm)

### Friday, April 26 - Pastor's Day Off

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance in the Taylor Room

### Saturday, April 27

no activities are scheduled

### Monday through Friday

Heart & Hands Preschool  
9:00 to 12:00 and 9:15 to 12:15

### Next Week

### Sunday, April 28

1:00 p.m. Crop Walk (meet in the FLC)

### Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale drop off till 6:00p

### Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale drop off till noon  
1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale in the FLC till 6:00p

### Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale in the FLC till 2:00p

### Friday, May 3

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance in the Taylor Room

### Saturday, May 4

Volunteers working on Sycamore Cabin

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Apr. 21: Marshall Linebaugh  
Apr. 28: Joe & Betty Gruber

## Help is needed at the Welcome Center

Monthly Welcome Center “welcomers” are needed. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

## 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 un-  
der 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.

Scouts Pack 251

THANK-YOU

LUNCH

Pack 251 invites you, our congrega-  
tion, to attend a thank you lunch.

### MENU

pulled pork • potato salad  
baked beans • cookies

served right outside the church

after

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church

MAY