

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jackie Z.

Almighty God, by your power and grace, we have known the abundance of your blessing. You offer us wondrous fruit beyond measure, and you give us new hope in the promise of resurrection. As we celebrate this day, may our joy be made known in our generosity, and may the gifts that we return to you be evidence of our desire to live as Easter people, now and always. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Walk with Me (X2-refrain only)

TFWS # 2242

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH # 7-11

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Doug

+CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

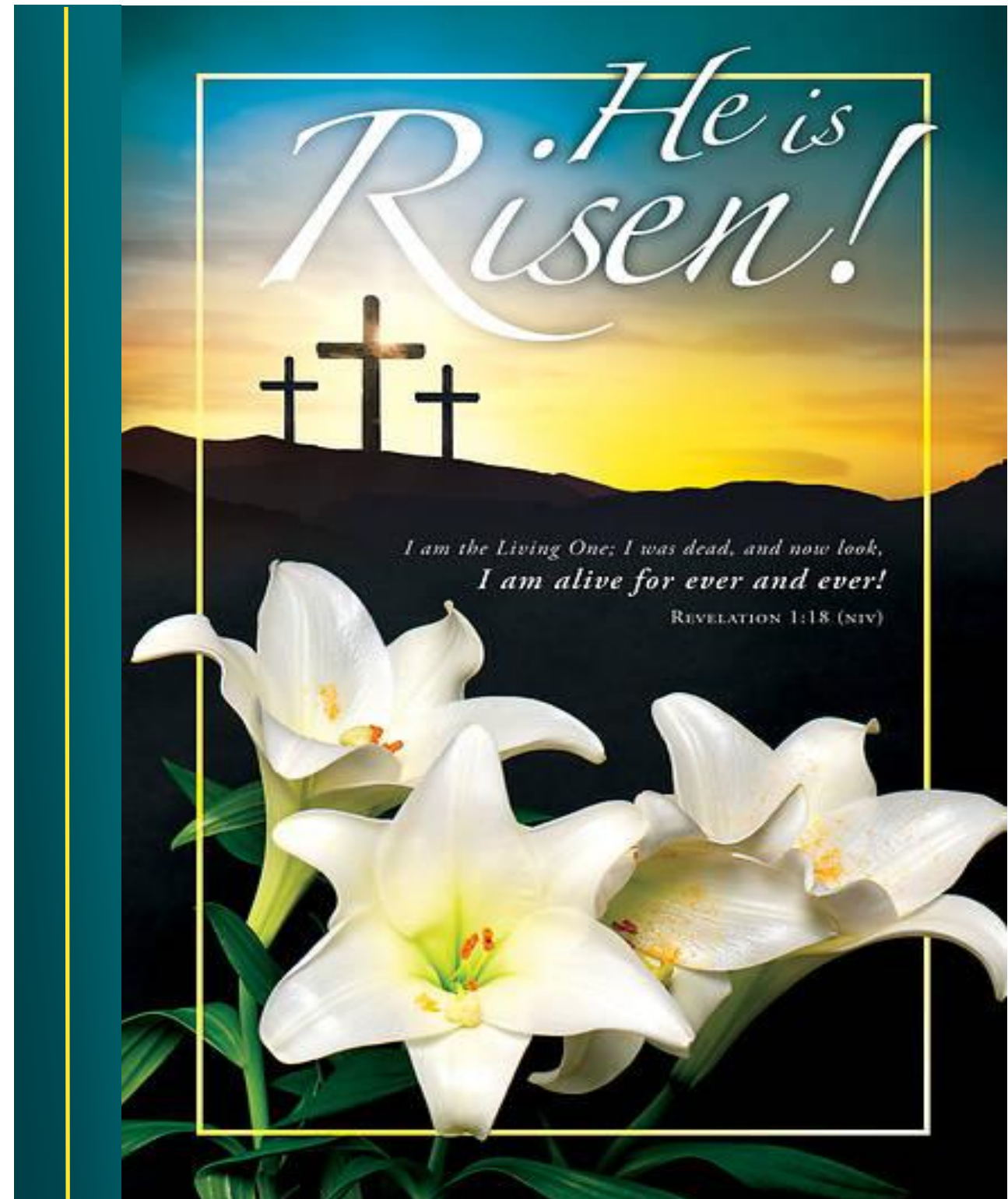
UMH # 303

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns



EASTER SUNDAY

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE *Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna | Christ Has Risen | He Lives*

GREETING & WELCOME *Pastor Doug*

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON) *Pastor Doug*
God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME *In the Garden*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Jackie Z.*

Jackie: Around small, crackling fires, as the light of the morning slowly appears,

All: we hear the voices whispering: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

Jackie: In dew-draped gardens, country chapels, and the great stone cathedrals,

All: we join with those proclaiming: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

Jackie: As resurrection people, we share the story, growing in our relationships

All: and receiving the good news: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

+OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH # 302

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Jackie Z.*

God of Resurrection, again and again, your faithfulness is made known-in the dawning of a new day, in the beginning of a new season, in the everlasting promise of an empty tomb. You overcome the power of violence and death, raising your beloved children to new life in Christ. You prove, over and over that nothing stands in the way of your relationship with us. And yet, we find it hard to believe. Fear of loss and of grief trap us in old patterns; fear of those who are different closes up our hearts; fear of the unknown keeps us from entertaining hope. Forgive us, O God! Break through the noise and confusion that surround us in these moments. Open our eyes, our ears, our whole beings to those bearing witness to your greatest miracle. Reveal to us the possibilities you are creating, and empower us to join together in proclaiming your good news for all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

+GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18 *Jackie Z.*

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.² She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him."³ Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb.⁴ They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb.⁵ Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in.⁶ Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there.⁷ He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place.⁸ Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.⁹ They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.¹¹ Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb.¹² She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot.¹³ The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him."¹⁴ As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

SERMON **"The Stories Women Tell"** *Pastor Doug*
Believing those who live (and speak from) the margins

HYMN *Woman in the Night* UMH # 274

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Jackie Z.*

OFFERTORY *Up from the Grave He Arose*

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 94

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Zedou1JXdws>

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For all those who celebrated **March birthdays**.
- For **Craig J.**, who is recovering from the surgery on Mar. 26.
- For everyone involved with the **Live Last Supper Presentation**.

CONCERNS:

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

OTHERS:

- For those in our community and around the world effecting change.
- For those helping make a difference and improve people's lives.
- For those suffering the consequences of decisions made by others.
- For our **service members** and their **families** as they are deployed into conflict.

This week, we saw God "breaking through"...

...in beautiful, calming colors of the evening sky. (*Penny M.*)

...in seeing the white deer return to the neighborhood. (*Penny M.*)

...in the blessed sounds of "young worshipers." (*Joel T.*)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 10: Ardis A.

April 12: Kelly H.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR THIS MORNING

Romelle B.—*In memory* of Norman & Norma Bymers

Terry & Allean F.—*In memory* of William & Ada Laidlaw &

In memory of Milo & Lillian Frankland

Karalee L.—*In honor* of my mother, Betty Schultz

Penny M.—*In memory* of Rick

Mark & Kris M.—*In honor* of our grandson, Silas

Cheryl R.—*In memory* of Steven Roberts

Marilyn S.,-K.—*In honor* of Kayleigh, Zack & Levi

Deb & Joel T.—*In honor* of Frances Leick

(Deb's step-mom, Joel's mother-in-law)



APRIL'S NOISY CAN

2026 WI UMC INGATHERING

Each year at Annual Conference, churches are asked to donate items and/or money to assist people in need (including those affected by war or disaster.)

Wisconsin Conference Mission Motivation Committee will be collecting specific items for *Personal Dignity Kits* and *Home Care Kits* on behalf of Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). These kits will be distributed locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during time of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Our April Noisy Can collection will go to support this important outreach of our conference. The funds will be used by Midwest Mission to purchase specific supplies for the kits and to help fund shipping them to where they are most needed.



Thursday, April 16th

3:00-4:30 PM

@ Zion Community Church

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to help feed starving children around the world. Join together for the cause!



Wednesday, April 29th

11 AM

@ United Way, 612 Blodgett St

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to help pack food for weekend backpacks for kids who don't have access to food/enough food @ home.

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER