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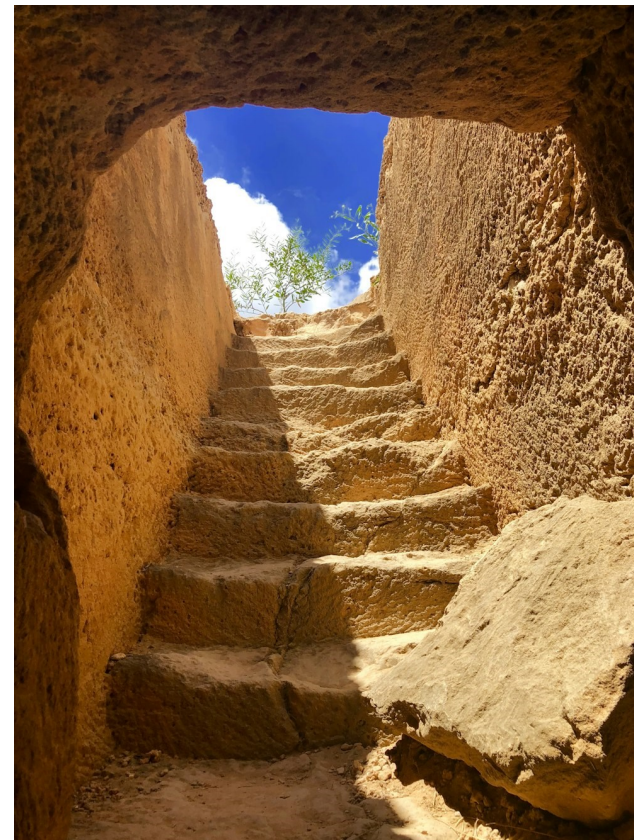
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Happy Easter!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:30am

Entering Music

Welcome Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering Lay Reader

Reader: Christ is risen!

Many Voices: Christ is risen indeed!

Reader: What are we to make of this day? When graves are opened, when the dead awoken, when life refuses to be contained...

Many Voices: Then nothing is impossible! Hope is never extinguished and love is never conquered.

Reader: We celebrate you today, Jesus, because you make it clear that death does not have the last word. We celebrate because you fill us again with hope and faith. We celebrate because you give us a vision of new possibilities, new realities, and new ways of being.

Many Voices: Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain. Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see. Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair. Let resurrection happen in us today!

*Hymn "Welcome" W&S #3152

Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, Samuel Arnold

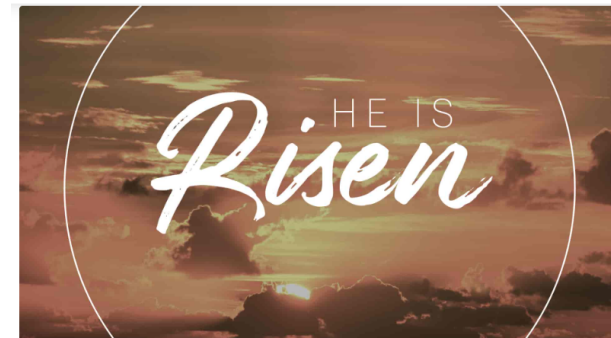
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In Memory of...

Our parents

Love from Bob & Marguerite Stelling

Mike Vause

Love from The Vause & Gunderson Families

Wayne & Genevieve Nelson

Love from Chris Vause

Ira White

Love from Thelma White

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Yunker

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Marion

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Yunker

Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its
voice,

Refrain

Crying welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Conversing With Children

Celebrating with Special Music

"Was it a Morning Like This" By Sandi Patti

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Ever-loving God, from the beginning of the cosmos you gave yourself so that life might prevail. You hid yourself in chaos so that galaxies formed out of filaments of gas. From the death of stars, new and necessary elements are born. Out of the fire of the sun, a crocus pushes up through thawing earth. You even bring justice out of the chaos and violence of injustice when a wall is broken down, a curtain pulled back, or a scapegoated prisoner wins freedom.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Compassionate God, help us to see that from the tomb of violence, crucifixion, and death, Christ sheds his grave cloths like a butterfly sheds her cocoon. Help us to see that Christ emerges from the tomb as our hope, an embodiment of a new vision of humanity. Help us to see resurrection as an invitation for us to spread our wings in hope each and every day. Help us to face our fears and to share your vision for a world united in compassion and love for all people.
[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Our pray concludes as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "In the Garden" UMH #314

Verse 1

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Chorus

And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Verse 2

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. (Chorus)

Verse 3

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; thru the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (Chorus)

In Memory of...

*In loving memory of Alan Dorick
Love from Karen Dorick*

*Our Parents
Love from Joe & Gail Girard*

*Our brother-in-law Michael Vinci
Love from Marlin & Adrienne Hartman*

*In loving memory of Ray Lindley
Love from Pearl Lindley & Family*

*Tom & Phyllis McCoy
Don & Jean McCoy
Love from Gordon McCoy*

*Delbert Yunker
Jim Jessen
Love from John & Kim Nave*

*Gerry Pubentz and son Shawn Corrigan
Love from Karen Pubentz*

*Aaron Satorius, our son
William & Lola Rushton
Jack & Lorene Satorius
Love from Jim & Ruth Satorius*



*Flowers given to the
Glory of God
and our loved ones.*

In Honor of...

*Marina & Drake Figge
Love from Dick & Liz Figge*

*Our beautiful new church, Pastor Dave and his
family
Love from John & Kim Nave*

*Maverick, Cher, Dutch & Rachel
Love from John & Kim Nave*

*Our Children & Grandchildren
Love from Karen Pubentz*

*Our children, Adam & Katie, Alex & Jessica
Seth & Stephanie and our grandchildren,
Chris, Evan, Addie, & Lola
Love from Jim & Ruth Satorius*

*Our Children & Our Caregivers
Love from Bob & Marguerite Stelling*

*Our Family
Love from Thelma White*

*Our Grandchildren
Love from Mr. & Mrs. Glen Yunker*

Reading Scripture Mark 16:1-8 (NRSVUE) Lay Reader
When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "What's Fear Got To Do With It?" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "He Lives" UMH #310

He Lives Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, he's always near.

Refrain

He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Verse 2

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing Will come at last.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
(Refrain)

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Generous God, you beautifully show us mercy
from the beginning of our life to the end, even to eternal life.
We want to contribute to your kin-dom springing to life on
earth. It is a privilege to share in your mission in the world.
Bless and accept our offerings of time, of energy, and of finan-
cial treasure as a sign of our love and gratitude. Amen.**

***Singing** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302 v. 1,2,5,6

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Verse 6

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

**Please stand if you are able.*