

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

A Service of Word and Table

Today's Theme:

PERIODIC LITANY (May be used at any time.)

L: God is good.

P: **All the time.**

L: And all the time.

P: **God is good.**

(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a "*" is marked. **Bold print** indicates congregational participation.)

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

Chad Miller & Adam Dietz

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

CHORAL INTROIT

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Choir

(Featuring Chad Miller & Greg Hetrick on trumpet)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: Christ is risen, indeed!

WL: Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

C: Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.

WL: We are called to do justice and love kindness.

C: Today is the day of celebration and promise.

WL: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed!

***HYMN #302**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE

(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves Me* as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

Because He Lives (Amen)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

PRAISE SONG

Christ Is Risen

SERMON

"Love Wins"

Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On Screen

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord of Life* Choir

*DOXOLOGY 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH#13

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(The elements will be served by intinction at stations at the front and rear of the sanctuary. The UMC has an open table theology where all are welcome to receive.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN #322 *Up from the Grave He Arose*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Next week Michele Feltman will be our guest speaker. What will she speak about?

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LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$4,889.00
Sunday School	36.00
Willow Church	100.00
UMCOR	310.00
Pavilion	210.00
Donations to Stock Family	5,850.00

Pastor Brian will be on vacation 4/17-4/24. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during this time, please contact George Price (Trinity UMC) @ 570-954-6739.

Easter Tulips

Thank you to everyone who purchased a tulip to make the Sanctuary beautiful on this Glorious Easter Day!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE COUNTRY STORE

A few of our church families have a family member who is a resident of The Manor @ Penn Village; and many of us know one certain church member who is a resident there, Sara Seebold. Whether you know Sara or any other resident of a nursing home, you should know how little some of these residents have and how hard it is for them to go shopping for more of what they need. With that in mind, please thoughtfully consider this request from The Manor @ Penn Village:

Donations are needed for the residents' Country Store. The Country Store is set up once a month in the recreation room on the first floor. Residents may redeem the tickets they have won at the various games for items at this store. We are in need of the following items:

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| *Men's & Women's Deodorant | * Pringles Chips |
| *Men's & Women's Body Wash | *Hershey Bars |
| *Shampoo | *Mouthwash |
| *Cologne, Perfume | *Tissues |
| *Soda (all flavors - 16 oz. bottles) | *Sugar-free candy |
| *Toothbrushes, toothpaste | *Cookies & Crackers |
| *Puzzle Books (Large Print) | *Lotion, Body Spray |
| *Reeses Peanut Butter Cups | *Small Stuffed Animals |
| *Tastee Cakes, Little Debbie's (Individually wrapped) | |

A few of us here at Paxtonville UMC have decided to help this home with their ongoing need for store supplies. If you feel that you would like to help-out by purchasing/donating a few of these items, you may bring them here to the church, where a collection table for these items will be by the Office Door. Leta or Amanda will see that they are taken to the Activity Dept. of The Manor @ Penn Village.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>IN HONOR</u>
Holt, Vida	My Family
Kaufman, Dave & Mary	Bethany's 14th Birthday
Klinger, Chandis & Violet	Our Family
Kratzer, Paul & Tamie	Our Family
Moyer, Tony & Amanda	Our Parents

<u>NAME</u>	<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>
Doersam, Leta	John & Jason - Ray & Thelma Barker
Kaufman, Dave & Mary	Our Parents
Lucas, Brian & Sue	Our Parents
Walter, Irene	Orry & Esther Kepple
Zimmerman, Lucille	Ed Garvin

PURCHASED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Burns, Bill & Phyllis	Dietz, Robert & Dawn
Dietz, Adam	Ebright, Kim, Shana & Rylan
Folk, Dallas & Cheryl	Hetrick, Greg & Jess
Howell, Mike & Linda	Keister, Chad, Lori & daughters
Kerstetter, Guy & Pat	Kratzer, Gary & Kay
Kratzer, Harold & Connie	Levan, Dennis & Lyn
Payne, Jay & Trudy	Perna, Pam
Shamory, Lee & Diane	Stull, David & Nancy
Yeater, Dennis & Judy	

Our Mission:
*To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	Brandon & Shauna Kratzer
Organist	Colleen Ritter
Lay Reader	Pam Perna
Sound Room	Brandon Kratzer, Aidan Snook
Praise Team Singers	Nate Zechman, Orry Walter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Kerstyn Klinger	Trey Wagner	Miles Aurand
Shirley Peters		Derek Keister

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Easter April 16	10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, April 17	7 p.m. Administrative Council
Tuesday, April 18	7 p.m. Men of Faith @ Trinity
Wednesday, April 19	6 p.m. Grab-A-Bite 6:30 p.m. ROCK
Sunday, April 23	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship

Our Vision:
ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE
GOD'S LOVE