



April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday
 10:00 a.m.

Worshippers may write prayer requests (joys or concerns), place them in the offering plate/collection box and they will be forwarded to the Pastor

This week at First:

Tuesday, April 19, 2022
 Session Meeting,
 Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022
 TOPS Weight Loss Support Group,
 Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Sufficient Grace Practice,
 Bell Room, 10 a.m.

Joyful Ringers Practice,
 Staff Meeting,
 Conference Room, 11 a.m.

Choir Room, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, 2022
 Choir Practice, Choir Room,
 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE

The Strife is O'er

Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Trisha Leek & Becca Redding,

Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

O sing unto the Lord for He has done excellent things.

“Alleluia!” now we cry to Our King immortal,

Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb’s dark portal;

“Alleluia!” with the Son, God the Father praising;

“Alleluia!” yet again to the Spirit raising.

Grace be to you and peace, from Him who is
 and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ,
 the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
 And the Ruler of kings on earth.

Alleluia, amen!

**Raise Your Joys & Triumphs High*

Sufficient Grace &
 Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Trisha Leek & Becca Redding

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,

You shattered the power of sin and death.

We celebrate Him!

**But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear,
 bound by the ways that lead to death.**

We come, asking You to forgive our sin

and eradicate evil in the world;

by Your Word and Spirit,

**purify the good, and raise us from death to a life
 more abundant and free.**

**Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ,
 the One who rules the world
 and is Head of the Church.**

This we pray in the Name of Our Risen Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

Trisha Leek & Becca Redding

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!”

**We have seen Christ, too in every helping hand,
 in every heartfelt gift,**

in every choice to restore life in this world.

We are called to this new life,

a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

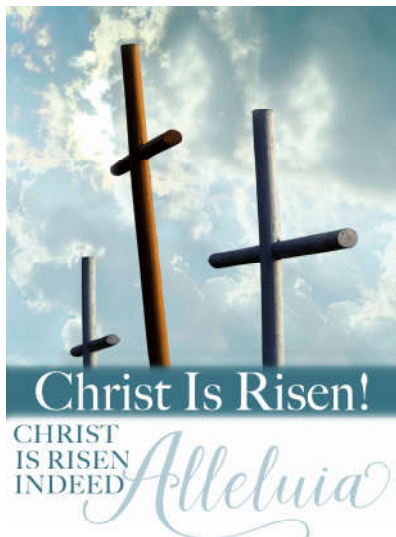
You are forgiven;

Accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you

And desires great joy in your life.

Walk forward on this journey of faith,

Knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.



*For those who are able, please stand.



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We are a Stephen Ministry church

Reverend R.J. Leek
Head of Staff

Session Members

- Alice Coleman
- Bob Glockler
- Keith Haines
- Betty Kramp
- Dick Krase
- Milt Levy
- Beth Malak
- Betty Palmer
- Steve Weller

Deacons

- Deb Krase
- Earl Lemon
- Brooks Logan
- Betty Ransom
- CJ Sadler

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ANTHEM

Arise

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PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. RJ Leek

READING (Responsive)

Rev. RJ Leek

Thank you Lord that You are an impossibility specialist;
The long winter's grip pried off us finger by finger,
The whole earth greening under the spring sun.
You bring new life where there is lifelessness,
You resurrect hope when we are mired in darkness.

We are an Easter people!

Bring Easter to all among us who are grieving,
Your solace that we will see our loved ones again,
Your comfort that You will be with us in the hour of our death.

We are an Easter people!

Bring Easter to all among us who are despairing,
Give us light and meaning in our time of suffering,
and Your energy when life at its lowest ebb.

We are an Easter people!

Bring Easter to all among us who are ill in mind or body,
a healing touch to calm our fears,
Your soothing presence to carry us when we falter.

We are an Easter people!

Bring Easter to all who are locked away in jails,
as well as those among us chained by addictions
and every prison of prejudice.

We are an Easter people!

Bring Easter to our neighborhood and our city;
the stranger welcomed; the hungry fed,
Your kingdom coming here.

We are an Easter people!

Thank you for showing us who we are
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
and for transforming us daily through Your creative Spirit.

We are an Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

The Day of Resurrection

Joyful Ringers

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Trisha Leek & Becca Redding
Lay Leaders

THE SCRIPTURE

New Testament – John 20: 1-18

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Do You Believe in Easter?"

Rev. RJ Leek

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Alleluia! Alleluia! – Hymn #215

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***THE BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

**Raise Your Joys & Triumphs High*

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POSTLUDE

Hail the Festival Day

Cathy Bullock

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