

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



ALLELUIA

Sunday, April 14, 2024

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Morning Has Broken Keith Chapman

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Peace be with you!

**Jesus greeted his disciples on the first
Resurrection Day,
and greets us here, today.**

Liturgist

Peace be with you!

**With me, with us, with all of the world.
We're eager to receive that peace.**

Liturgist

Peace be with you!

**Peace be with you!
Let's celebrate the presence of the Risen
Christ and give our thanks to God.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

UMH #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Gracious God,
you give to us your greatest gift,
Your Son Jesus Christ,
as we still don't understand what is
going on.**

**You call us to be people of courage and
hope;
and yet we run and hide,
doubting and fearing.**

**You challenge us to proclaim our faith;
but we huddle in darkness
whispering our words of
discouragement.**

**Forgive us when we seem to need
prodding over and over again.**

**Help us to see the presence of Jesus in
our lives;**

**and remind us of all that He taught us,
to help us to live as disciples,
serving you by serving others.**

**Make us truly the disciples you have
called us to be. AMEN.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Christ is risen! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God's love is poured upon you, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

AMEN.

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1: 9 - 10

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Nix/Stewart

Jesus Rolled the Stone Away

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY* UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 22: 36 - 37

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD UMH #402
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian vss. 1 - 2, 4

THE MESSAGE The Reverend Don Ackerman
Eruditio et Religio: A Faith for Critical Thinkers

THE CLOSING HYMN* UMH #451
Be Thou My Vision

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE Charles Villiers Stanford
At Eastertide

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Connie Lewis
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Lead Pastor

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

4/14 — Tessa Polen
4/15 — Roger Hegnauer,
Terry Hogue
4/16 — James Ackerman
4/19 — Tina Perez
4/21 — Brenda Olenick

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Tuesday, April 16
Community Worship
10:30 am - Wesley Hall

Wednesday, April 17
Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow
4:00 pm - Youth Room & Gymnasium

Re-Entry
6:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Sisters of Sobriety
8:00 pm - Conference Room

Thursday, April 18
Dinner Church
6:00 pm - Harmont

Friday, April 19
Gibbs Food Ministry
2:00 pm - Cope Chapel

TODAY AT CROSSROADS

Oatmeal Breakfast
6:30 am - Wesley Hall

Bible Study
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Worship
10:00 am - Sanctuary

New Vision Lunch
1:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow
3:00 pm - Youth Room and Gymnasium

Thursday Evening Discussion Series

**FAITH, PUBLIC POLICY
AND ETHICS**

Beginning April 25, 2024
6:00 pm - in the sanctuary

The first topic covered will be immigration,
other timely topics to follow in subsequent weeks