



Faith Global Methodist Church

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A/V Coordinator – Colton & Melissa Kalmar

8:00 AM

Worship Leader – Penny Carroll

Greeter- Bonnie Deem

Acolyte- Gianna/ Diana Canzano

10:15 AM

Worship Leader – Bev Fensch

Greeter- Carol Fabrizi

Acolyte- Nick Popovich

Easter Sunday Happy Easter! March 31, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

In Christ Alone

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Colton Kalmar- Soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

*OPENING HYMN

Up From the Grave He Arose

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 322

*(1) Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*(Refrain) Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*(2) Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

*(Refrain) Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*(3) Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

(Refrain) *Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Mighty God: By your power you raised your Son, our Lord Jesus, from death. By his glorious resurrection, you proved him victor over death; and you assured all of us, who acknowledge him as Savior and Lord, that we do not need to fear death. With grateful hearts we welcome another Easter day, joyously repeating the ancient Christian greeting: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" Accept now, we pray, our homage for the forgiveness and the promise of newness, in this life and beyond, which in your amazing grace, you extend to us, through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen.

10:15 AM

***Alive, Alive
God's Not Dead***

First Steps of Faith
Foundations of Faith

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(NRSV) Pg. 176

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The Congregation will sing the Lord's Prayer)

*Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

10:15 AM

Simple Gifts

By Joseph Brackett, Arranged
by Fabrizio Ferrari

Explorers of Faith
Avery Biltz, Maddie White,
Sabrina Vincler

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

Heavenly Father may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Christ. May the service we offer be inspired by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 302

*(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!*

*(3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*(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!*

*(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!*

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

(NRSV) Pg. 114

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

CHOIR PRESENTATION

Was It a Morning Like This

Faith Singers

Words and Music By, Jim Croegaert

Jubilate Deo

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson

Avery Biltz and Maddie White

All Things New

Words by Frances Havergal and adapted
from REV 21: 5-6, Arranged by Elaine
Hagenberg

Faith Singers

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*(1) I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes 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.*

*(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) *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.*

*(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) *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.*

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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Pastor: Christos Vos Krist!

People: Vois Stinu Vos Krist!

Pastor: And All God's Children said,

All: Amen!

***CHORAL BLESSING**

Walk With the Lord

(Front Cover of U.M. Hymnal)

Walk with the Lord.

Go from this place, filled with His everlasting grace.

Walk with the Lord.

Go where He leads, blessed by His love and His peace.

Each day you live, in all you do,

Let the light of Christ be found in you.

Walk with the Lord.

Trust and obey.

Go now and serve Him in faith.

Amen, Amen,

Amen, Amen,

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Please stay in the pews until the Pastor and the Choir have exited.

Please take your Easter Flowers after the 2nd service.

****OUR MEMBER TO REMEMBER** today is Margaret Ventura. Please take a few moments to sign the greeting card on the Action Table to wish her God's blessings. **

Prayer List – Faith UMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain; but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

Prayer request to mention week of March 31st:

1. Patty Henrich- had a heart ablation

Prayer request to mention week of March 24th:

1. Christian sympathies for the Marra/Patts family on the passing of Patricia Marra.
2. The Ethiopian Global Methodist Church and Rev Gexu Mossissa
3. Kaitlin Casper- will need radiation for thyroid cancer
4. Jim Kunkelmann- prayers for good MRI results
5. Carolyn- prayers for recovery from back surgery
6. Tracey- awaiting a liver transplant at hospital. Pray for a donor soon and Tracey's family.
7. Ron and Constance Gasse- Ron's brother Ed Gazze passed away. Prayers for his wife Cathy.
8. Pat Prohaska- Sue Fox's mom- pray for healing after knee replacement
9. Pray for Barb & Jim, Presley who has leukemia, and Cindy who has breast cancer
10. Lisa Bain- a pastors wife with RA having surgery
11. Pray for the Jeannette family, where 4 children and the father passed away in a fire.
12. Jack Susich- in a bad car accident, still in a coma at Presby
13. Christian sympathies to the Fredrick family on the passing of Ronald.

Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Bill & Mary Weyel, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob & Mary Zacharias, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Dave Morris, Marge Kratofil, Jack & Emogene Blair, Sue Harmuth, Martha, Karen, Dan Loughry, Jean Loughry, John Womer, Linda, Barb Kaufman, Gloria, Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield, Louise Gladkowski

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

Sunday March 31st	6:30 AM	Sunrise Service- Shields Farm
	8:00 AM	Easter Day- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	Easter Day- Worship Service
Monday April 1st		Happy Birthday Pastor Ron!!! Office Closed
Tuesday April 2nd		
Wednesday April 3rd	6:30 PM	SPPRC Meeting NO Choir Practice
Thursday April 4th	6:00 PM-7:00PM	Walking Group
Friday April 5th	7:00 PM	GriefShare
Saturday April 6th	9:30-10:30 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday April 7th	8:00 AM	2 nd Sunday of Easter- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	2 nd Sunday of Easter - Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Church Council

FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 3.31.24

Next Sunday, April 7th we will be taking up a **second offering** for those who live in the Indian Lake region of Western Ohio. That region was impacted by devastating tornadoes in the early hours of Friday, March 15th. Your gifts will be used in partnership with Pastor Defibaugh and Pastor Meadows (Pastors in the Allegheny West Conference) as they work with local disaster responders to meet needs on the ground after the state and national responders pull back. Volunteer-in-Mission (VIM) opportunities will be available.

We still have 7 open dates for our Meals on Wheels desserts for April. Please sign up on the action table! Desserts should be delivered to Salem Lutheran Church at 301 E. Pittsburgh Street in Delmont by 8:30 am on the morning that you have chosen to provide a dessert.

Grief Support Group to meet Thursday evenings.

Grief Share is a weekly seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one.

Our spring session will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Each week is independent of the others so no worries if you miss one. These meetings are held in the conference room here at Faith Church

Please feel free to contact Sue Sonafelt 724-875-8439 if you have any questions or would like more information on Grief Share.



Join our walking group from 6-7pm in the fellowship hall every Thursday. Alyce Urban will lead the class using Leslie Sansone's YouTube exercise videos. Video sessions will be projected on the large screen in fellowship hall for all to follow as we walk and move to the lively music and instruction. Each 15-minute session can result in almost 2000 steps or close to one mile.

Receive the Faith Flyer newsletter in your mail: If you are new to our church and would like to receive the monthly Faith Flyer newsletter, please reach out to the office so we can get your address in our system.

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM in the room off the gathering area. If you feel called to intercessory prayer, or if you need prayer, please come. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at 412-334-0920 or carriebortz@yahoo.com. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this God's will for you in Jesus Christ. 1Thes.5:16-1



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Faith Church's Grab and Go Food Distribution on Monday, May 20th. Volunteers are needed direct traffic, hand out boxes of food and monitor the church building. This is a drive-thru event held in our church parking lot. The clients remain in their vehicles as volunteer workers place boxes/items of food into their vehicles. As I will need to notify the Food Bank if they need to provide

additional volunteers, please sign-up if you are planning on helping.

Meals on Wheels Desserts in April....Consider signing up to provide desserts in April for Delmont's Meals on Wheels. A sign-up sheet is available on the Action Table. Desserts should be delivered to Salem Lutheran Church at 301 E. Pittsburgh Street in Delmont by 8:30 am on the morning that you have chosen to provide a dessert.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES...are now available in the small room in the gathering area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan on filling. Each shoebox gift provides an opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child. To help you get started supplies remaining from our parking party in October (crayons, chalk, paper, etc.) are available in this room. Return your filled shoeboxes anytime during the year.



Laundry detergent donations needed for our neighbors. Imagine having to decide between providing food, paying the rent/mortgage, keeping the utilities on, or having clean clothes. Having clean clothes moves down on the list. If we can donate 204 containers of laundry detergent (liquid, pods, or powder), every family will not have to make that decision. During January, February and March we will be collecting laundry detergent for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry. We have reached our 204 containers of laundry detergent!! We will still collect and any additional will help families!

OFFER THE GIFT OF SIGHT: A Lions International collection box is in the Gathering Area for your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses.

Fellowship and service continues. Join us at 9 am in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship.



“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body on earth but yours.” -Teresa of Avila

In-person attendance week ending 03/24/2024 = 202

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 03/24/2024

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!

2024 Annual Operating Budget: \$348,767.79

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,707.07	NEED TO DATE	\$ 80,484.84
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RECEIVED 03/24/2024	\$ 5,823.50	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 86,639.43
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(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$6,154.59

CAMPERSHIP GOAL 6/1/2023-5/31/2024:	\$ 10,000.00
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RECEIVED	\$ 5.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 9,725.03
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DISAFFILIATION ACCOUNTING:

RECEIVED 03/24/2024	\$385.00	CURRENT LOAN AMOUNT:	\$89,610.86
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