

I know that

my **REDEEMER**

Lives!



Welcome to Worship at Wesley

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Welcome to Wesley! If you have questions or special needs, please speak to an usher.
Worship activity bags for children are hanging on a rack at the back of the church.
Our ushers have large-print hymnals available.
Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 202.
Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Gathering Music

Was It a Morning Like This
by Sandi Patty

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

(Please register your attendance in the folders in each pew)

* Call to Worship

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation!

Jesus Christ our King and Savior is risen!

* Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Red Hymnal 302

(Birthday for Missions offerings may be brought forward during this song)

* Opening Prayer

O Lord,

your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again.

Your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin.

Your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone.

Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace

and hereafter to the state of glory,

where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign,

God for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Special Music

Because He Lives
by William J. & Gloria Gaither

Jeanette Ringuette &
Marge Myrold

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

The Holy City
Arr. by Clair W. Johnson

Jeanette Ringuette &
Marge Myrold

* **Doxology**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

God of power and majesty:

With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ

and delivered him and us from death's destruction.

We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life.

Especially we thank you for all victories over sin and evil in our lives,

for loyalty and love of friends and family,

for the newborn, the living of all ages,

and those now in your eternal home,

for the renewal of nature in this season of spring,

and for the continuing witness of the church of Christ.

Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* **Communion Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection

Red Hymnal 303

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

Red Hymnal 12

The Great Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal 13

Receiving the Elements of Communion

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation		Jackson & Whiteside Families
First Scripture Reading	Johns 20: 1-18	New Testament, p. 108
Second Scripture Reading	Colossians 3: 1-4	<i>The Message</i>
Scripture Hymn	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	Red Hymnal 322
Sermon	<i>Act Like It</i>	Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	Red Hymnal 310
* Benediction		
* Musical Response	<i>He Lives (Refrain only)</i>	
* Closing Song	<i>Thine Is The Glory</i> Arr. by Robert J. Hughes	Marge Myrold

Thanks to all who have helped with today's worship service!

Welcome Team:	9:00	Greg & Anne Bryson
	11:15	Dave & Judy Christy
Acolyte:	9:00	Lily Whiteside
Lay Reader:	9:00	Pat Henry



April Journey of Faith

On Sunday evening, April 8, our Northeastern District Superintendent (and former Wesley associate pastor) Randy Cross will provide the next *Journey of Faith* program on *The Meaning of Easter*. Join us for good food and fellowship at 5:00 that afternoon and stay for Rev. Cross' wonderful message of faith at 5:30.

A Perspective on Easter

We shouldn't be surprised at how surprised [the disciples] were on the first Easter morning. It wasn't just a lack of faith that had stopped them understanding what Jesus has said in Galilee about his rising again. It was simply that nobody had ever dreamed that one single living person would be killed stone dead and then raised to a new sort of bodily life the other side of the grave, while the rest of the world carried on as before.

The women, obviously, weren't expecting it. They weren't going to the tomb saying to themselves, "Well, we've got the spices in case he's still dead, but let's hope he's alive again." They knew well enough that dead people remained dead. ...

The opening mood of Easter morning, then, is one of surprise, astonishment, fear and confusion. Yes, Jesus did say something like this would occur; he told us so all right. But we still don't know what's going on, what it all means, what will happen next. ... Easter is always a surprise, whether we meet it in celebrating the feast itself, or in the sudden surges of God's grace overturning tragedy in our own lives or in the world.

No doubt our own resurrection will be as much of a surprise, in its own way, as that of Jesus. From the beginning, the gospels is good news, not least because it dares to tell us things we didn't expect, weren't inclined to believe, and couldn't understand.

- From *Luke for Everyone* by Tom Wright (2001, Westminster John Knox Press), pp. 290-291.

EASTER FLOWERS

Given in honor of:

August & Marjorie DeAngel

Children & Grandchildren

Barbara Denny

Daughters and Grandchildren

Sharon Foster

Beverly Whitcomb

Given in memory of:

Charles Gross

Charles Gross III

Claude "Spike" Spicer

Family

Grandma & Grandpa Hovet

Janette Yaeger

Karen Griffin

Mom & Dad

Herbert Moser

Ida Shoults

John Whitcomb

Malva Foster

Mike Hillman

Tom & Katherine Saddler

Wilfred Machart

by:

Tom & Jackie Saddler

Gordon & Pat Henry

Kellie Burgess

Dawn & Bob Boyd

Kellie Burgess

Kyle Whitcomb

by:

Dave & Shirley Kiefel

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Barbara Spicer - Heidi, Heather and Hayley

Gordon & Pat Henry

Jean Sanborn

Naomi Yaeger and Family

Jerry Griffin

Jean Sanborn

Larry & Renee Machart

Kellie Burgess

Kyle Whitcomb

Kellie Burgess

Art & Maggie Hillman

Tom & Jackie Saddler

Larry & Renee Machart



***Wesley UMC Calendar for
April 1 – April 8***

Easter Sunday, April 1	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service No Sunday school
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Service
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
Tuesday, April 3	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	World Religions, Library
Wednesday, April 4	1:30 p.m.	Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	4:15 p.m.	UMW Executive Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Kids Bells (grades 2-8)
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Bells
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, April 5	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Saturday, April 7		Nepalese Family Event
Sunday, April 8	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Service
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	A Journey of Faith: The Meaning of Easter with Rev. Randy Cross (Supper and program)

Last week's attendance:	117	Last week's giving:	\$ 2,463
	Offering to-date:	\$ 54,426.32	

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

I've Found Jesus
Blessed Be Your Name
How Great Is Our God
Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

John 20: 1-18
Colossians 3: 1-4

Pastor Jerry's Message:
Act Like It