

Invocation (unison)

Resurrecting God, Strengthen in us the will to go out, sharing your Good News of God's redeeming love. Guide us in telling the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. With your loving embrace, protect us in the face of terror and hateful actions. Bring us your hope found in the excitement of eternal life and saving love exemplified in Jesus, the Risen Christ! Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" p.367

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Redeeming God, We recognize that your love for all creation is great and unmovable. All that we need on earth has been provided, and yet we struggle to share a portion of our blessings so that all might have enough. You have created an earth vast with land and sea. And yet, we embrace a narrative of scarcity. Believing that somehow there is not enough for everyone to be cared for. But the data proves otherwise.

All: We know there is an overwhelming abundance of resources on the earth you created. Help us to choose a narrative of abundance over scarcity. Give us the strength to help make this world a better place by embracing your agape love of equality for all creation. Let your ancient story of love be our new, innovative, and transformative story of love. The kind of love that transforms hearts, O God, and leads us towards this new way of living. May this new life speak to the kind of prosperity that overflows with your love of peace and justice for all people, everywhere! Amen.

Words of Grace

God of Grace and Glory, We are humbled by your faithfulness and love. Even if our fears spark terror and doubt, you never leave us. There is no other love greater than yours. You call upon all of creation to spread the Good News of your love and glorious light. Reminding us that your love is sweeter than the honey in the honeycomb. Comforting us even in the bitterness of life as we embrace the loving assurance of forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, whose grace and mercy bless us still.

*Hymn: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" p.365

Scripture: Mark 16:1-18 p.886

Reflection

Invitation to Generosity

One: Loving God, the abundance of your generosity is exemplified in the dawning of the sun.

All: Thank you for the joy and hope of new mercies found in the morning sun.

One: Even in moments when we are showered by the rain, remind us that your love never fails.

All: Rain down your abundant love and redeeming grace upon us.

One: Let us give our offerings with generosity and joy to the One who has faithfully and generously given to us love, grace, and mercy.

Offertory: "Welcome, Happy Morning" Havergal

* Presentation of the Offering and The Doxology

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful for your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Service of Holy Communion (p. 1 in Communion Book)

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 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, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" p.56

*Benediction

Loving and Gracious God, we are grateful for your Good News of loving abundance for all creation. Now, let us go out like the three women who experienced an empty tomb. Going out with Christ's light shining deeply in our hearts. Living aloud the words of the classic hymn, "This little light of

mine. I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Even when terror and doubt appear, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine!" Go in Peace & Love. Let the people of God say, Amen.

*The Sung Benediction

The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore, We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Day of Triumph"

Broughton



Terror and Amazement: Service Prayers for Resurrection Sunday Year B was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Donald and Phyllis Ritter in honor of their children.

TODAY'S GREETER is Gisela Lorish.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

Ham and String Bean Soup is being sold by the quart (\$8) along with **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** (\$5). Order forms can be found in your bulletin or at the entrances to the Church must be received by **Sunday, April 7, 2024**. Orders may be placed in the Offering Plate, call Annie or the Church office, or email the church office. Pick up will be on Thursday, April 18, 2024 in our downstairs social hall between 3:00-5:30 p.m. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have a Pastoral Emergency between April 1 – 22, please call the church office, Kathy Latshaw, or Sharon Trexler. They will contact the Pastor on call.

Join us in Worship on the following Sundays with:

The Rev. David Schnaars – April 7 and April 21

The Rev. Homer Royer – April 14

Thanks to all for helping during my time away.....Pastor Lori

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be Monday, April 8 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please remember don't block the chair path when leaving donations in the stairway. Thank you. Please call Millie with any questions.

The next **Supper Club** will be on Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. at The Fairgrounds Hotel in Allentown. **Sunday Brunchers** will meet at the Mercantile Club (cash only) after Worship on Sunday, April 21 at 12 noon. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 16th to Mark or Linda. And **Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, April 26 at 12 noon at Ritz Barbecue, Allentown. RSVP by Tuesday, April 23. **All are welcome for good food and company.**

Wooden Crosses – We are still selling wooden crosses for the Cemetery, in front of your house or to hang on the wall. These are beautifully made and decorated. See samples after Worship or pick one up for Memorial Day. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.

Philly Soft Pretzels will be **sold on April 14th** after worship **and on April 28th** after worship in honor of National Pretzel Day, April 26. If you are considering buying more than 4, please let Lisa Talecki or the Church office know so they can make sure to have enough for all. Thanks for your support!

Next **Youth Group Meeting** will be held on Friday, April 26, from 6 - 8 p.m. All Welcome!

Week of March 31-April 6, 2024:

Pastor Lori will be on vacation.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Supper Club – Tuesday @ 5pm @ Fairgrounds Hotel

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Communion Worship with
The Rev. David Schnaars
Soup & Sandwich Orders Due

Total Offerings from March 24:

General Offerings: \$1,836.00
Window Fund: \$57.00
Mission: \$15.00
Church Lawn: \$25.00
Parking Lot Maintenance: \$25.00
Cemetery: \$50.00
Attendance: 62