

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Fanfares on "Easter Hymn"*

Robert Lau

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Liturgist: On this day we celebrate the resurrection.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Liturgist: The power of life has overcome the power of death.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Liturgist: The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

**People: Hallelujah!**

**All: We come to worship God, whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve. Hallelujah!**

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Acts 10:34-43*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE

*He Lives*

**He lives, (He lives) 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) He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!**

**You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1 No. 888

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Glorious, Risen Christ!*

Burke/Larson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

MESSAGE

*"Life Begins Today"*

*Pastor Janet Saddel*

\*HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

No. 303

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Unison: **God of a rolled-away stone, an empty tomb, and a risen Savior, on this glad day we celebrate your redeeming actions. And yet, we confess that we could have easily been in the crowd on Good Friday, perhaps even joining in shouting "crucify him!" We want to avoid suffering and pain, maybe at times we are tempted to deny our Christ as Peter did. Even today, we do not shout out the Good News as did the women at the empty tomb. Lord, as you forgave Peter, we ask your forgiveness for our denials and our negligence. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Jesus, Remember Me* (sing twice)

No. 488

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Easter Medley*

Charles Callahan

\*Congregational Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

No. 298

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.**

**Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

\*HYMN

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

No. 322

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** This is a day of new beginnings. What better day to start a new way of living than on this day of Resurrection. Go, now celebrating that "Christ is risen!"

**People: He is risen indeed!**

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*ORGAN RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen*

Robert Lau

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

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*The altar flowers this morning are presented by Carolyn Baker  
in honor of Stuart L. Baker*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Reverend Glen Esler

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

**2023 Mission Support**

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery,  
Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),  
Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.



United Methodist

**Church of the  
Good Shepherd**

*"connecting to broken and hurting people"*

Reverend Janet Sadel, Lead Pastor

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

*Celebration of Faith*



April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042

church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

*“ Life Begins Today”*

Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 10:34-43

Speaker: Pastor Janet Sattel

Creation is waiting for the new heaven and the new earth, when all will be made new and "the dead will be raised with bodies that won't decay, and we will be changed."

We are spiritually dead because of our sin. But we are given new life in Christ because of Jesus' work on the cross for us.

Eternal life begins the moment that we realize that we need a Savior. When we cry out to Jesus to forgive our sin; when we cry out to him that we are broken and we need him; that's when life begins.

The very doubts that we have about the resurrection, also point to the magnitude and power that is proclaimed in this event. Faith does not mean we explain everything away - but we recognize that Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe, who gave us life, has the power to bring the dead back from the grave and resurrect us to new life.

We are promised that not only will we have eternal life, but our bodies will also be resurrected one day. When Jesus returns, we will become a part of the new heaven and the new earth.

Be filled with joy because God loves you so very much and he sent his one and only son to die in your place. And because he rose from the dead, we too will rise one day.

Jesus has conquered sin and death. We no longer have to be trapped in our old ways of sin but we can be in an intimate relationship with our Creator, our Father in heaven. And we can have a heart filled with joy.

What better day to start a new way of living on the day of Resurrection - the ultimate day of new beginnings!

Scriptures: Romans 8; Rom 10:9-13; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Cor 4; 2 Cor 5:17

**Calendar for Week of 4/9/2023**

**SUNDAY– Easter Day**

6:30—Sunrise Service [chapel]

7:30 - Breakfast [Hall]

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - NO Sunday School today

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

**MONDAY - Office Closed**

6:00 CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

**TUESDAY**

10:00 - Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

**THURSDAY**

8:30-1—FFA [Ed. Wing]

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY**

6:00 - Cricut Class [Hall]

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Group -

see Youth Page in the Announcements