

April 27, 2025 Second Sunday 10:30 AM

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Second Sunday of Easter. Today we focus on themes of celebration, joy, and sharing God's goodness after the resurrection of Christ. This day is a reminder that through Christ's resurrection, we too have been given new life and are called to proclaim our joy and testify to the good news of peace.

May-June Newsletter Items are due April 28, 2025

Monday April 28, 2025 - 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch w/No Bush and Northville

April 28, 2024, Bible Study - In Parlor with CLS, Sally Kwak

May 1, 2025 - In Person Safe Sanctuary Training 12:15 @ Shenendehowa UMC

May 17, 2025 - 9:00 AM Funeral at North Main UMC

Mother's Day - May 11, 2025 - Gift bags are due for Women in Christian Service

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** Many Gifts, One Spirit Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

Today we gather in the light of the risen Lord. When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another. We can be freed from all fear. For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. Do not live in fear people. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. The peace of God be with you. Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst, and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other's faces. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe. Nothing can prevent God's love for us. Know that his love is poured out for You.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

People: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe! The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us and we believe that Christ is risen.

Leader: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him.

Leader: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

People: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light that is given to each of us.

Leader: That's just where faith comes in - believing where we have not seen.

People: Praise God for the glorious gift of God's Son!

All: Christ is alive and lives among today! Alleluia .. Praise be to God. Amen

**GATHERING SONG** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH 298

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison)

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! As we listen to your words this morning, we pray that you will breathe the breath of new life into us, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you. Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "He is Lord" UMH 177

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

**DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Gracious God, who has always promised to be with us. When we thought that death had claimed your Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. We offer to you this day, tokens of our lives and our substance. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. Give us the depth of faith and hope that does not depend on proof, that we may offer your love and hope to others. Take these lives and these gifts and cause them to work in this world which you have loaned us, for the healing and reconciliation of all people to you, especially to those who feel as though they dwell in deep darkness, for it is in the name of the Risen Christ that we pray. Amen.

<b><u>PRAYER READING</u></b>	<b>Listen Lord</b>	<b>UMH 677</b>
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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    A Modern Affirmation** **UMH 885**

**SCRIPTURE**                      **Luke 24:13-33   and John 20: 19-31**

**SENDING SONG**                      **“This is a Day of New Beginnings “**                      **UMH 383**

**Go forth in joy! Let the trumpets sound. Let the voices be raised in celebration Alleluia! Go into God's world with joy knowing that God's love goes with you. As God sent Jesus into the world, so the spirit now sends us to continue God's holy work. Be at peace today. This is a day of new beginnings. Amen**

**Prayer List: Nick Orlosky, Logan Van Dyke, Family of Portia Robles, The family of Tom Estes, Anne Veeder, Doug Topliff, Carol Johnson, Nancy Egan, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Ivy Patterson, Zoey and Matt Brezosky, Special prayer for Jack and Diane Sanford, Don Williams**

**\*\*\* If you have a joy or a prayer request, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902\*\*\***

# CHRIST IS ALIVE!