ORDER OF WORSHIP April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

PRELUDE "Christ Is Alive" Thomas Williams

Piano/Organ Duet arr. E. Whitsett

HANDBELLS AND CHOIR

WELCOME

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

THE BIRDS ARE SINGING AND THE FLOWERS ARE BURSTING IN VIBRANT COLOR.

We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

THE SON IS RISEN IN OUR HEARTS; DARKNESS AND DEATH ARE DEFEATED.

Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.

NOW WE PROCLAIM: CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!

*HYMN "Up From The Grave He Arose" (vs 1, 2 & 3) #322

(accompanied by the hand bell choir)

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (vs 1, 2 & 4) ** #302

OPENING PRAYER

HALLELUHAJ! CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

MAY THIS DECLARATION RESOUND NOT ONLY IN THESE WALLS BUT TOUCH THE LIVES OF ALL WE MEET AND FOREVER BE THE TRUTH OF WHICH WE SPEAK. YOUR LOVE, ONCE SOWN WITHIN A GARDEN, TENDED FOR YOUR OWN PEOPLE, NEGLECTED AND REJECTED, NOW SPREADS ITS SWEET PERFUME IN THIS PLACE AND EVERYWHERE WE GO. HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Hymn (8:15) "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" (vs 1 & 4) #301

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Offertory "They Could Not" by Harris/Cloninger

(solo)

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM "Christ is Alive!" by Allen Pote

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-10 Judy Hotz (8:15)

Candy Hart (11:00)

SERMON "Love Rises" Pastor Ann Wurster

*HYMN "He Lives" (all verses) #310

(choir and congregation: "The Hallelujah Chorus) G. F. Handel

*CLOSING PRAYER

*POSTLUDE "Overture To The Messiah" G. F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

^{*}Doxology

^{*} Soloist - Lauren Morris

^{**}Dancers - Justine Head and Makenna Peterson

^{*} Please Stand

Welcome!

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us this morning!

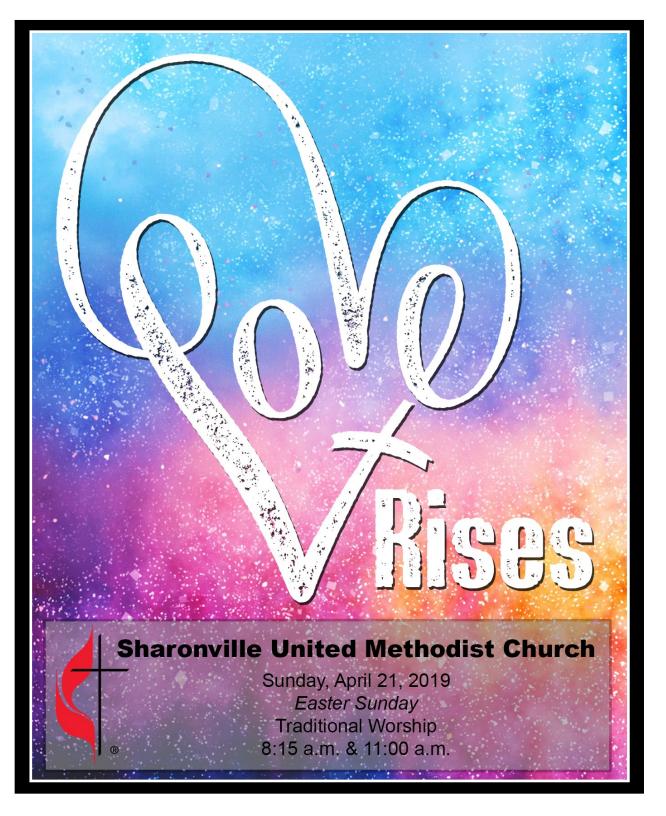
- Child care is available at 9:30am and 11:00am in the nursery located off the lobby. A private area is available for nursing mothers.
- Activity packets for children are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Coffee and refreshments are available in the coffee bar area in the lobby. Relax and enjoy a time of fellowship!
- Sunday School is available at 9:30am for children age 4 to grade 6 in our Education Wing, which is down the hallway past Fellowship Hall and up the stairs. Youth have Sunday School at 9:30am in the Youth Room on the 2nd floor.
- Following the children's message at the 11:00am service, children age 4 to grade 6 can follow the Children's Ministry Director out of the sanctuary to participate in Children's Church. Children return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is open to all who wish to partake (children will return at this time to partake.) Grape juice is served. Gluten-free bread is also available.

Check us out on Facebook!



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