

# Order of Worship

Easter Sunday \* March 31, 2024

† *We're delighted you're here and hope you feel at home! Please take a moment to complete the visitor/prayer request form inserted in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate as you exit.*

† *MUMC welcomes children—and children's noise! We love having them worship with us in the sanctuary. If at any time during the service you feel your child needs a place for more active play, an optional nursery for kindergarten students and younger is provided downstairs.*

## Gathering

Welcome

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.* —Galatians 1:3-5

Prelude

*We invite you to prayerfully (and joyfully!) prepare your heart for the worship of God during this time.*

\*Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

\*Praise

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Up From the Grave He Arose

## Proclamation

Scripture, Matthew 28:1-10

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem, Resurrection Power

Children's Sermon

*Elementary school age children and younger are invited forward.*

\*Praise, Son of Suffering

Scripture—Romans 8:28-35, 37-39

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## Response

Prayers of the People

*The congregation responds to each petition:*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayer concludes:*

**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.**

\*Praise, Thank You Jesus for the Blood

\*Give, Serve, Grow

*Giving is an act of worship & an expression of gratitude to God.*

*We offer Him ourselves and the material world He has placed under our care. Our tithes and offerings become a means of spreading the gospel, strengthening disciples, and serving the needy. Offering plates have been set up in the Narthex for you to give as you exit; online giving is available through a link on our website.*

*Opportunities for service and growth are listed in the bulletin, including our current prayer list. More immediate prayer requests are sent via email/facebook throughout the week.*

*If you'd like to sign up for our e-newsletter, e-prayer chain, or for more information, please contact the church office at 865.982.4799 or [umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com](mailto:umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com).*

\*Affirmation of Faith, from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold**

**together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand

## Prayer List

*Prayer requests are kept on the list for 3 weeks and may be re-requested*

# Ways To Grow & Serve

*The mission and desire of Middlesettlements United Methodist Church is to reach out and lovingly touch lives as Jesus Christ did, both by word and example.*

## Wednesday Night Dinner

Our evening begins with dinner at 5:30 pm and continues with Bible Study, Youth, Kids activities, and choirs. (Nursery provided). The menu for April 3 is BBQ Pork, Chicken BBQ, spinach Maria, baked beans, cinnamon apples, slaw, potato casserole, mac & cheese - PB & J + fruit, and dessert. Please make your reservation on your insert in the bulletin.

## Lenten Mission Emphasis 2024—Pregnancy Resource Center

Today is the completion of our Lenten offering. If you want to give a one-time donation designate **Lenten Mission emphasis**. Since 1986, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Blount County, TN, has helped women cope with unplanned pregnancies and consider their options in a compassionate and supportive environment.

# Calendar

## Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m.—Evening Service at Morning View

## Tuesday, April 3

5:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts

## Wednesday, April 4

5:30 p.m.—Church Dinner  
6:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 p.m. —Youth (Youth Suite)  
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.—Wiggling & Singing  
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.—Kids' Choir  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.—Kids' Club  
6:30 p.m.—Adult Choir  
7:30 p.m.—Praise Team  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.—Nursery provided

# Upcoming Events

*April 10, 5:30 p.m. UMW Fundraiser*

*April 16, 6:30 p.m. UMW Meeting at the home of Bridget Jenkins*

*May 5, 10:30 a.m. Graduate Sunday*

*May 15, Spring Fling - FOD's*



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Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

*—Revelation 5:12*