



## Connecting all people to God's love and purpose

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9:00 a.m. Traditional Service / Downtown: 179 South Indiana Street  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service @ Joe's Kids (1692 W. Lake Street)

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**March 31, 2024 ~ *Easter Sunday***

**Scripture today ~ John 20:1-18 (New International Version)**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"



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Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Thank you for joining us in person and in virtual worship today!**

Let us know you joined us for worship today (regular attendees and guests) by completing the Welcome to Warsaw First UMC! card provided. Guests are asked to complete so we may add you to our weekly updates for church activities. Or, if virtual attending, by sending us a comment.

Large-print worship folders are also available; please see an usher. You are also invited to join in coffee fellowship downtown in Fellowship Hall, lower level, immediately following the 9:00 service.

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Statistics from last week:

Attendance: 9:00a 159 in-person; 105 virtual / 11:00a 45 in-person / 135 virtual

Weekly Giving\*: \$6,064.42; Missions: 1st Quarter Habitat for Humanity YTD: \$1,506.91

\*(Monday-Sunday) Design Outreach/Life Pump Goal—\$17,000.00—YTD \$13,361.33

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**Spring College Care Packages**— will be packed next Sunday, April 7. Make sure items are in the church office by 9a that day. Questions? Diane Wulliman coordinates our Higher Education Ministry.

We will be offering **Making Sense of the Bible**, our basic Bible study, again in April. Familiar United Methodist pastor and author, Adam Hamilton, has written both a scholarly and a readable introduction to the Bible. In this 6-week study he describes "the Old Testament in 15 minutes" and "the New Testament in 15 minutes." He discusses what the Bible "is" and "is not." He reminds us who wrote the Bible and how the bible came to be. He leads us in how to read and interpret the Bible. Pastor Bill Kaster will lead this course. Our class will meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00p beginning April 8. Please register for "Making Sense of the Bible" at the church office and purchase your books. You may also use the back of the Welcome/Comment cards to register.

**Thank You**, the Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast was a great success! Your donations, help, and attendance were so much appreciated! They served about 100 meals. Any leftovers they couldn't use we delivered to Fellowship Missions and Beaman Home. We were able to bless 3 organizations with your help! Many thanks to our UMC family.

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<b>Birthdays coming up...</b>	4/5	Kim Kashman
4/2 Leslie Andrews	4/8	Kyle Mangas
Finn Bailey		
4/4 Sarah Beck		

**Easter Sunday Mission**—Today's Easter offering will go towards the Design Outreach-LifePump project. Gifts to the Mwalupanga LifePump can be made using the Easter giving envelope included in today's worship folder, indicating "LifePump" on your check or regular giving envelope or via the online giving portal (MISSION Fund with LifePump "Note"). Design Outreach (DO) is a Christian humanitarian engineering nonprofit organization seeking to alleviate global poverty by creating life-sustaining technology. When DO provides a LifePump to a community, they also partner with local churches, pastors and Gospel-focused organizations to share the hope of Living Water through Jesus Christ. Visit DO's website for more information.

<b>Ongoing prayers for...</b>		
Our Church	Kim Sprunger	Tornado victims
Pastor Brian and Family	Denny Bailey	Haiti
Pastor Stacy and Family	Madi, Noah, & Family	Elise and baby
Our church family in long-term care facilities or home-bound.	Devon Wood	Clara Griner
Our students and Educators	Cathy Shull	Natalie Boley
Our Country	Cathie Kammer	Amy Sexton
Military Personnel	Amanda Ellinger	Ronda Wagner
All healthcare workers	Deb Sorg	Adele Wollman
First Responders	Priscilla Conley	Bonnie Hile
Unspoken prayers	PSG Families	Richard Sisk
	KT	
	John Firestone	Community Prayer Partner for March:
	Carson	
Betty Ferguson	AJ	New Creation Church for God
Mary Read	Jason Goon	
Judy Drudge	Phillip	

**Prayer requests:** Contact the church office (574-267-6933) or Richard and Sue Balke (574-267-3787)

**Pastoral Care:** If you would like a pastoral visit in emergency, sickness, hospital, or just to talk, please contact the church office at 574-267-6933. *After hours: Pastor Brian at (863) 257-0244*

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**Scheduled for this week** (as of 3/26/2024)

**Monday—April 1 Spring Break begins**

~~6:30p Cub Pack 3731—Fell. Hall; LL-2, LL-3; Room 202~~

~~7:00p Boy Scouts 0730—Room 303~~

**Tuesday—April 2**

5:00p Prayer Group—Parlor

~~5:30p Girl Scouts #0158—Room 203~~

6:00p Balke Small Group—Parlor

6:30p Narcotics Anonymous—Fell. Hall

7:30p AA-Tuesday Group—LL-3

**Wednesday—April 3**

**10:30a Care Ministry—Parlor**

~~11:00a Community Kitchen & Closet~~

1:30p Wednesday Small Group—Parlor

6:00p AA District Leaders—LL-2

6:00p Ginn Handbell Choir—Alcove

7:00p Sanctuary Choir—Sanctuary

**Thursday—April 4**

8:00a Men's Bible Study/Pastor—Zoom

9:00a Men's Bible Study/Becknell—LL-2

7:00p Pastor's Bible Study—Zoom

7:00p Praise Team @ Joe's Kids

**Friday—April 5**

3:30p *Memorial Service for Allen Breed  
@ Grace Village Chapel*

**Saturday—April 6**

**Sunday—April 7 Communion Sunday**

9:00a Worship Service

@ 179 S Indiana St

10:10a Fidelity Sunday School—LL-2

11:00a Contemporary Worship  
@ Joe's Kids

*Spring Break April 1-5*

*Have a safe and fun week of activities!*

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*AA Support Group Meetings:*

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3*

*Tuesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3*

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*Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3*

*Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

*Al-Anon*

*Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Room 203*

*Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:*

*Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

*Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

**The People of God at Worship ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ March 31, 2024**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Pastor Brian Smith

GINN HANDBELLS

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
~by P. Hurlbutt

PRELUDE

Richard Dick and Jan Clingaman

\* OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Brian

\* HYMN No. 302

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation response in bold)

Diane Quance

CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

He has seen us at our worst and offered us forgiveness. CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

We have gone our own ways, acted like we never met Him. Yet still he loved us and gave his life for us. CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

Today is a day to celebrate. CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

His is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. CHRIST IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

ALLELUIA!

**ALLELUIA!!!**

AMEN!

**AMEN!!!**

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Glory to His Name (with "O Happy Day")*  
~ by Ed Lojeski

SCRIPTURE READING (on folder cover) John 20:1-18

Diane Quance

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri, Hymn No. 70

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

HYMN No. 261 verses 4 and 5

*Lord of the Dance*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lindsey Wallen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Brian

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

MESSAGE

*Have You Seen Jesus?*

Pastor Brian

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

\*Doxology, Hymn No. 94 (together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*CHOIR SPECIAL

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
~ by George Frederic Handel

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

### **Lord of the Dance**

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.

*Refrain:* Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)