

*Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024*



****Please wear a name tag. You will find them on the round table in the Narthex area. Thank you.****

Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**This mark invited those who are able to please stand*
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Christ is Risen.

People: He is Risen indeed!

Pastor: The Risen Christ is with us.

People: Let us shout for joy and praise his holy name!

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 302

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EASTER DAY

We believe in God, who is light in the darkness, who never gives up on love, who is always working for our good, who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh, who calls us to be more than we are as God relentlessly transforms our tears into alleluias.

We believe in Christ, present at and in the creation, heard in the words of prophets, enfleshed in the birth of a long-sought Messiah, alive in the lessons taught to disciples, not stuck in a tomb of despair, nailed to cross, or buried in the past, but living forever, and walking with us on our journeys today, seen in our stories, present in everything we can see, touch, and imagine. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the invisible presence of God, the joy, hope, and peace of possibilities opening all around us all the time.

We believe the Spirit calls us to community, to compassion, to welcome, and to acts of mercy and justice, so that the whole world will tremble with wonder and hope.

We are people of faith in the risen Christ, and we see our Christ in everyone and in everything.

We strive to live in such a way that the world will see Christ rising again, in us and through us, with the message of Easter.

God cannot be contained;
God lives.

Christ is risen.

Alleluia. Amen.

***HYMN** *Up From the Grave* 322

MINI MESSAGE for Children of All Ages

WORSHIP IN GIVING

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Easter Angel Song"*
RC UMC Chancel Singers

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual

Pastoral

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.

SPECIAL READING, John 20:1-18,
"Resurrection Morning" by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Readers:

Paul Murphey

Joan Bethke

Louise Murphey

Pastor Rachel Olson

EASTER MESSAGE

***HYMN** *He Lives* 310

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Hymn Leaders: Rosanne Knower,
Kathy Schweinfus

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Diane Cox

Prayer: Thank you, O God, for your resurrection power in raising Christ Jesus from the darkness of the tomb, and for showing the world that now and forevermore everything is going to be all right! Amen.

This Week's Events:

- 31 **Easter Sunday**
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
 Freeman Family get together: Noon
 - 02 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Library
 Missions Mtg: 4:30 p.m.- Library
 - 04 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library
- Upcoming Events:**
- 07 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. – **New Time**
 Sunday school: 10:15 a.m. – **New Time**
 - 08 Trustees Mtg: 4:00 p.m.
 Special Charge/Church Conference: 5:00 p.m.
 - 09 Women's Bible Study: 4:00 p.m. - Library
 - 10 RCMA: Noon - Library
 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.
 - 11 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. - Library

March Birthdays

Jocelyn Storer 3/31
 Emilia Tracy 3/31

April Birthdays

April Anniversaries

Linda Kesting	4/1	Rosanne Knower	4/18	Dick & Jan Hewuse	4/9
Ryan Weber	4/1	Arlene Fruit	4/21	Timothy & Connie Hoppenjan	4/9
Mitchell Woodman	4/2	Megan Sommer	4/21	Jeff & Sandy Brice	4/15
Linda Rohn	4/3	Anita Bunge	4/26	Marty & Linda Rohn	4/17
Julie Jewell	4/3	Braden Turgasen	4/26	Dan & Becky Tracy	4/18
Lester Studnicka	4/5	Jan Hewuse	4/27	Timothy & Mary Otto	4/19
Austin Kaszubski	4/6	Donna Bower	4/28	Al & Chris Marshall	4/21
J. Francis Cooper (103)	4/7	Jordan Kaszubski	4/28	Ed & Barb Nazer	4/27
John Storer	4/13	Jacob Storer	4/30	Chris & Destiny Shannon	4/29

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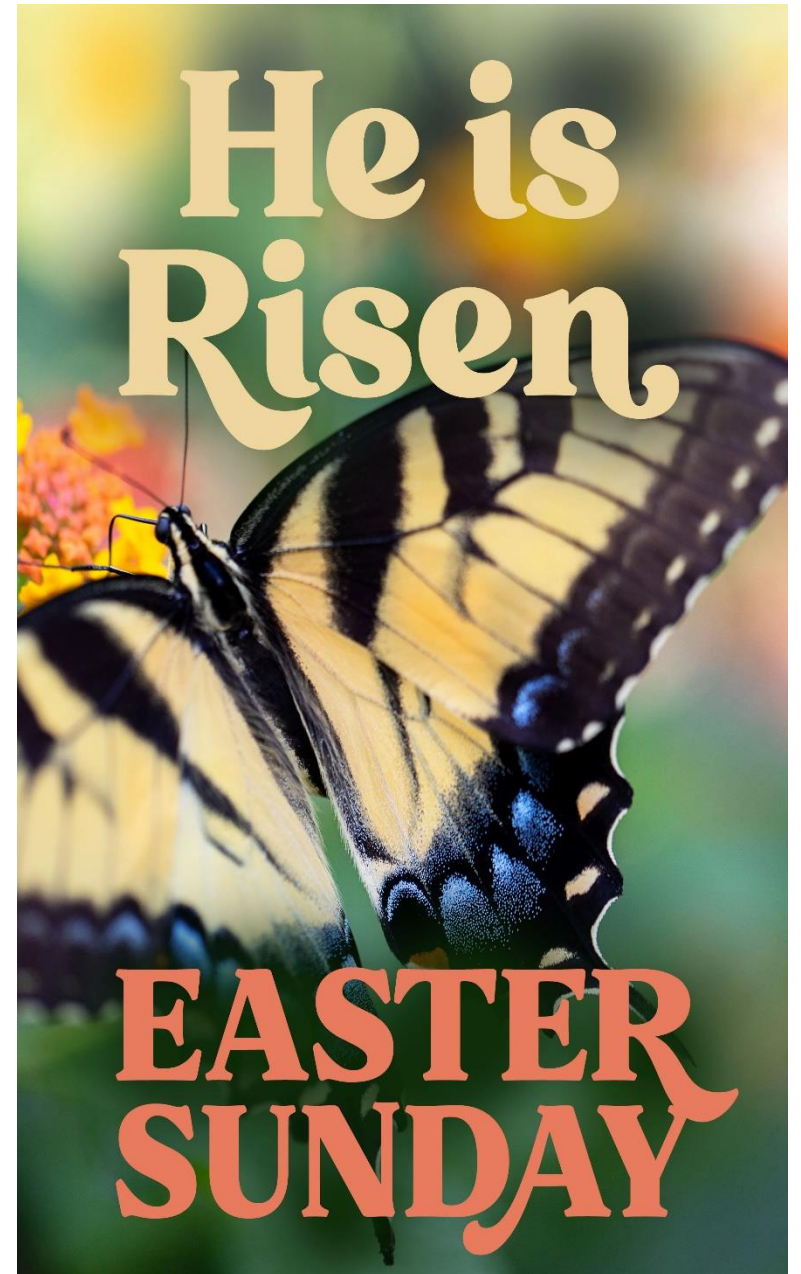
Please note: New worship and Sunday school times start next week – **April 7th.**



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
 Host
 There will be NO Coffee Hour today

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General Announcements

Ingathering 2024: Items needed for the kits must be new



- 1 hand towel – no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth – no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush – no multipacks
- 1 bar soap – 3 to 4 oz
- 1 shampoo – 12 to 19 oz

1 deodorant – 2 to 3 oz (stick, roll-on or pump)

1 lotion – 8 to 10 oz

1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag – furnished by Richland Center UMC

\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste

Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit.

Kits must be in to church by May 12th.



Special Charge/Church Conference

We will hold a special Charge/Church Conference on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Revered Kimerly Brumm will

officiate.