

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
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**April 20, 2025** **Easter Sunday**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Christ was born for you. Christ died for you. Christ is risen for you. Hallelujah!

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**Announcing to all that Christ Is Risen Indeed!!!**

**PRELUDE**



**GATHERING**      **Words of welcome and announcements**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Let us share with each other the joy of Easter saying “Christ is Risen” and responding with “He is risen indeed.”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Beloved, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Our Savior is risen!

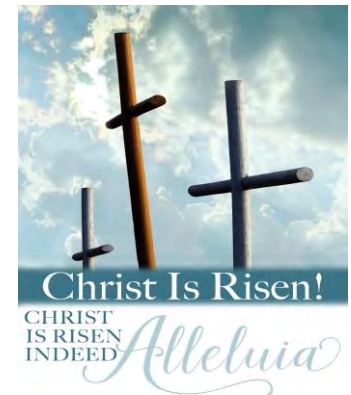
**Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Steadfast Love is risen!

**Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that God has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!**



**\*OPENING HYMN**      *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*      **(UMH # 302)**

**OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

**Lord Jesus, today we come celebrating God, who looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. We come celebrating that victory is ours today. We come rejoicing that sin and evil did not get the last word. We praise you and we thank you for being a loving, patient God and for sending us Jesus Christ!**

**Thank you for giving sinners like us a second, third, and endless chances to right our wrongs and follow the Author of Grace. Thank you for giving the Good News of your Son’s resurrection to the dutiful Mary Magdalene. You called her name, and she finally believed and proclaimed that she had seen the Risen Lord!**

**Like Mary, time and time again, you have called our name. You have gotten our attention, and we stopped wallowing in despair, sin, and self-reliance. We turned, and there you were! Assuring us that God delivered you from death and God will deliver us also from sin and death.**

**Today, we put Mary's proclamation in our hearts and on our lips. May our tears turn into laughter as we hold fast to the Easter knowledge that in Christ, all things are possible, if we will only believe. Amen.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

**SILENT PRAYER**

Let us share our doubts with God.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION TO SHARE**

*On this the most holiest of days, let us remember that Jesus came to give us all the gift of hope that is the Resurrection. Let us give so generously so that we may share that gift with all of God's people.*

**\*“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”**

**(Gloria Patri) (UMH # 70)**

**“WALK WORTHY”**

**by Joseph M. Martin**

*(presented by the choir of Macon UMC; Connie Baker, Director and Accompanist; Sheila Rappe`--Narrator)*

**MESSAGE**

**“Walking Worthy”**

**Rev. Terry McDorman**

**HYMN**

**“He Lives”**

**(UMH # 310)**

**A PRAYER OF EASTER COMMUNITY: (unison)**

**Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator, as we greet the signs in nature around us: of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.**

**The sadness and despair of His death have given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.**

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace so that we may live the promise given to us by imitating the life of Jesus and reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, and the least among us. As we strive to be neighbors to all those we meet, we praise you in this Easter season.

Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Every Morning an Easter Morning”*

*(This is the traditional Easter song of praise for Macon United Methodist Church)*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

(Please be seated and silent during the Postlude)

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 45**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

*Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use [webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com) to submit updates or additions to the church website.*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE**

Sun. April 27 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. April 27 10:00 am Sunday Worship and Zoom Service

Sun. April 27 11:00 am SPRC Committee Meeting

Sun. May 4 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. May 4 10:00 am Sunday Worship and Zoom Service

Sat May 10 9:00 am All Church Workday

Sun. May 11 9:00 am Sunday School

Sun. May 11 10:00 am Sunday Worship and Zoom Service

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Apr 21 Edith Mayer

Apr 22 Jack and Carol Smith

Apr 23 Chad Miller

**MISSIONS**



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars and/or oatmeal, canned fruit, **canned soup**, canned pasta, shampoo, bar soap and toothpaste. Cash donations are always welcome.

The Pantry is looking for volunteers to help with the Central Illinois food bank

deliveries on the first and third Mondays of each month at 9:00 am.