

**Weekly Readings:**

Monday Romans 6:1-11  
Tuesday Ephesians 2:1-10  
Wednesday Galatians 2:11-21  
Thursday John 17:1-5  
Friday Romans 6:15-23  
Saturday Romans 8:18-30



**Announcements this week:**

- ◆ **Sunday:** “The Chosen” @ 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **Monday:** Bible Study @ 1:30  
Shawl Ministry @ 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **Tuesday:** Trustee Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.  
Ad Council @ 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday:** Jubilation @ 7:00 p.m.

**Prayers:**

Glenn & Marge Moore; Ron & Bev Crooks; Baby Elijah Berry;  
Robert & K.J. Clark; Terry & Rachel Ward; Galen & Pat Peckham;  
Deb Yordt; Karl Tippett; Colleen Schulz; Families of men lost in the  
Baltimore Bridge failure; Family of Van Johnson and  
Family of Marla Hanna

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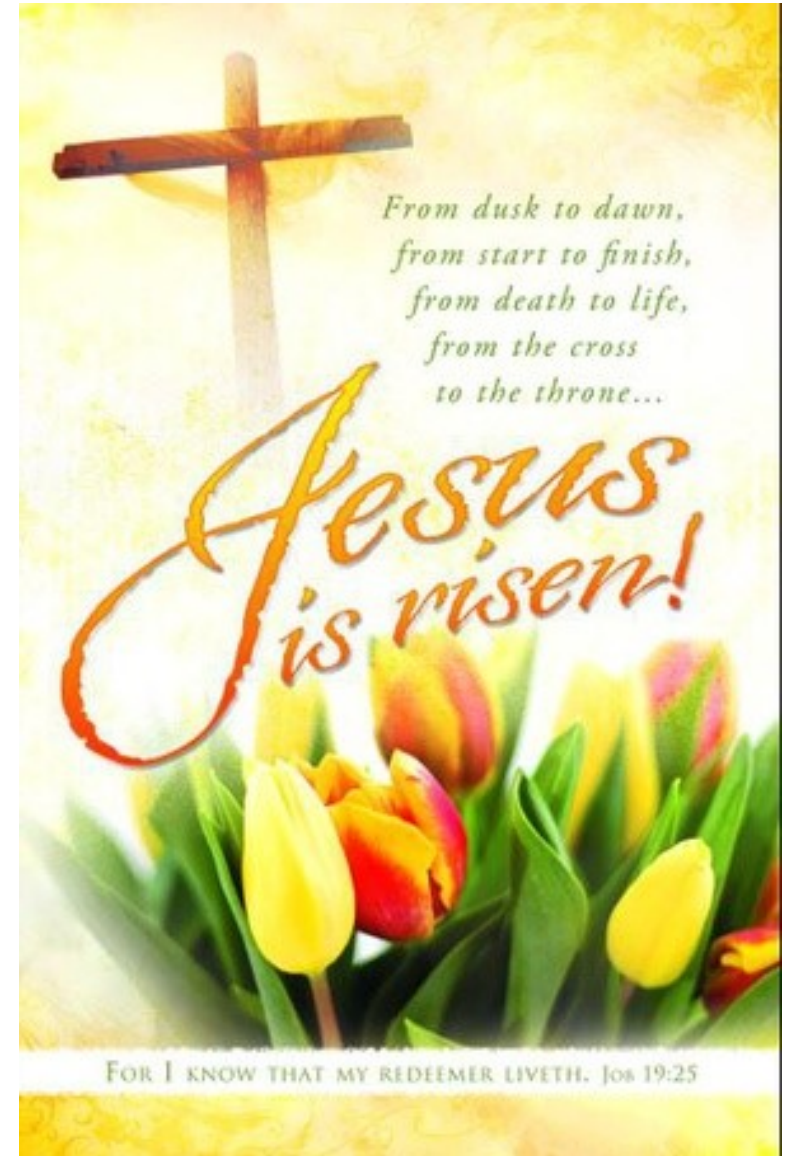
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**Sunday, April 7th, 2024**



*April, 7th 2024*  
*2nd Sunday of Easter*

Prelude ~

Chimes: “Beneath the Cross”  
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Welcome & Announcements:

\*Opening Hymn: “To God Be the Glory” UMH Pg. 98  
Psalm Reading: Psalm 150 Pg. 508  
New Testament Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Pg. 983

Call To Worship:

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Walk in the light of his love.

**Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen**

Opening Prayer:

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise: “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH Pg. 545

\*Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance:**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!”. We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

\*Gloria Patri: UMH Pg. 70

**Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ**

Children’s Message:

Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer:

Chimes: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory Prayer:

We thank you, Christ Jesus, for your faithfulness and your humble leadership in our world. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may guide others to follow you and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.

\*Doxology: UMH Pg. 95

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 Pg. 883

Message: “After Easter, Then What” Pat Benda

\*Closing Hymn: “He Lives” UMH Pg. 310

\*Benediction:

\*Sending Forth: “God Be With You Until We Meet Again” UMH Pg. 672