



Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen!!

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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Song of Reflection**Revelation Song**

Riddle

Verse 1 **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat**

Chorus **Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You**

Verse 2 **Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King**

Verse 3 **Filled with wonder awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water such a marvelous mystery**

Sharing the Word**Scripture Reading****1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

(NT page 166 in the pew Bible)

Sermon**From Death March to Resurrection Race**

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Responding to the Word**Offering****Alive, Forever, Amen!**

arr. Sterling

Chancel Choir

Response #310 (verse 3 with refrain)*He Lives**

(red hymnal)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, risen Christ, for moving the hearts of the people to give of themselves. May our offerings of service and financial support give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.

Sending Forth***Hymn #327****Crown Him with Many Crowns**

(red hymnal)

(Members of the congregation are invited to come to the choir loft during the singing of this hymn to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Music will be available.)

Benediction**Choral Postlude****Hallelujah Chorus**

Handel

***Parting Music**

Sunday, April 1, 2017 Easter Sunday

Soundboard: (8:30) Blair Miller (10:30) Roger Cox

Instrumentalists: Joe Erlewein, Kaylee Erlewein, Anthony Gonzales, David Woodward

Ushers: (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darlene Houle
(10:30) Ron & Jodie Kurburski, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan

Greeters: (8:30) Martin & Nancy Hillila (10:30) Steve, Gynell, Hannah & Chris Schaner

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis (10:30) Bruce & Joyce Bowling

Children in Worship: Spring Break, No CIW

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Mimi Dunne

Coffee Fellowship: Barry & Bron Kram, Denny & Jan Stuart

Sunday, April 8, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Rich Cole (10:30) Dan Martin

Ushers: (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darlene Houle
(10:30) Ron Kurburski, Edo Mestrom, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan

Greeters: (8:30) Paul & Lori Koons (10:30) Gary & Kay Erickson

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis (10:30) Sandra Breasbois, Betty Johnston

Children in Worship Special: (10:30) Meeting in the Wiltse Center following Time for Children

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Judy Hanson

CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE: We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers.....	All Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Louis Grettenberger (231-883-9806, pastorlou@umcdunes.org)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Rev. Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Easter & April Fools” – Room 4
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY April 2, 2018

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread

TUESDAY April 3, 2018

- 6:30 PM UMW Board Meeting – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Missions – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY April 4, 2018

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 6:45 PM Jubilation Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft

THURSDAY April 5, 2018

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 11:00 AM Service for John Robertson – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10
- 7:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge

FRIDAY April 6, 2018

Pastor Lou’s Day Off

SATURDAY April 7, 2018

No Scheduled Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS: Welcome to the Church of the Dunes. If you are a first-time guest or a life-long member, we want you to feel at home in the circle of God's love. This is a place where all who come are welcome. Please take time to note the persons sitting near you. If you see a new-comer in your pew, welcome them and invite them to the coffee hour. If a regular attender is missing, send them a card, or give them a phone call when you get home. When we pass the friendship pads, take time to put names and faces together. "For there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

TODAY IS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR FAMILIES TO WORSHIP TOGETHER. There will be no Christian education classes for kids or youth today. Children's activity bulletins are available from an usher or at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Nursery is available for kids ages infant – 5 years. On Sunday, April 8, "Children in Worship" Christian education classes for kids aged 4 years – 5th grade will feature a special (and fun!) telling of the Easter story during the 10:30 a.m. service in the Wiltse Center. Youth Sunday School classes will resume their normal schedule on April 8.

CALLING ALL KIDS: You are invited to "Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues" Vacation Bible School, June 17 – 21. Supper is served for all at 5:15 p.m. VBS fun and activities for ages 4 years – 6th grade begin at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome! Register soon at www.vbspro.events/p/events/2c1g, or contact Laura Burns, Director of Children's Ministries.

JUBILATION CHOIR rehearsals will be Wednesdays April 4, 11, and 25 from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. We will sing during worship on Sunday, April 29. Come sing with us!

WE'RE RAISING CAMPERSHIPS to help Church of the Dunes kids and youth go to church camp. Our goal is to raise ten (10) \$200 Camperships (camp scholarships) by April 16. To sponsor a campership, please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes and write "Camperships" on the memo line. Thank you!

DUNESMEN KICK-OFF MEETING: Dunesmen (men who are members, friends, and guests of the church) are invited to our 2018 kick-off meeting on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, located on the lower level of the church. A light meal will be served. The program topic is the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We will learn about this important mission and hear first-hand experiences of some of our mission trippers. RSVP to Al Kochanowski at alkochjr@gmail.com or (616) 446-0562 so we can prepare enough food.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FRIENDSHIP DINNERS. Once a month for four months, groups of 7 – 8 people will get together for a meal. Each couple or individual takes a turn acting as host. Couples and singles are welcome. Sign-up forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. For more information, contact Ruth Woodward at (231) 865-3801.

"GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT" FAITH-FOCUSED CONFERENCE: Don't forget to sign up for the May 11 and 12 Faith-Focused Conference at Gull Lake Ministries. Pastor Lou and Pastor Rick Blunt from Okemos Community Church will be our leaders. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, on the Dunesmen bulletin board, and in the church office. We welcome singles and couples. The \$122 fee per person includes meals and lodging. A few reservations are available for Saturday only at \$50 per person.

GRACIOUS GROUNDS VOLUNTEER UPDATE: Seven members and friends of UMC Dunes recently toured Gracious Grounds, a residence offering housing for adults with unique abilities. Sandy Baker, Executive Director, noted the need for administrative assistance on an as-needed basis. Volunteers to lead a woodworking program and a cooking program - to increase the skill levels and independence of residents - have been found, but others can still volunteer. Volunteers for the administrative assistant work is the most immediate need. If you have an interest in serving in this way, please let me know. You CAN make a difference! Donereis@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2018 Weekly Average

\$8,765

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship Last Week: 331 Last Year: 312

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to attend any of these ongoing studies.

NEW SPRING STUDIES BEGIN SOON, INCLUDING:

BBQ (Basic Beliefs & Questions) Begins April 8, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Ryder Lounge

Facilitator: Jill Miller

Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution. Author Diana Bass writes about spirituality that transcends ritualistic religious practices and focuses on finding God in the world in which we live. In a renewed perspective called, "Emergent Christianity," she likens the journey of discovering God in the environment, in relationships with others, similar to Native American and Celtic understandings of experiencing God. Please provide your own book, and if possible, read the first two chapters before the first session.

Women's Study: The Beatitudes, Begins April 10, Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ryder Lounge, 8 weeks

Facilitators: Cathy Shick and Mary Anne Miller

The Workbook on the Beatitudes by Dunnam and Dunnam Reisman.

The Beatitudes offer promise and blessedness to the humblest, the weakest, and the weariest. Jesus' masterpiece sermon is the blueprint for Christ-like living with ethics of grace. This study connects Bible wisdom, Christian tradition, and theological insight with how you live your life each day. Come grow with us! **There is a sign-up sheet by the office to help us determine how many books to order. Books are \$8.**

Evening Study: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World, Begins April 11, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge

Facilitator: Pastor Eldon Eldred

Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World. Max Lucado's newest book provides a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety of daily living. Please join us as we discuss how to apply Lucado's faith-based prescription for coping. All are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the Adult Education bulletin board near the church office, or just come to class. Please bring your own book. Lucado's books are readily available through online and local bookstores.

PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS VIDEO-TAPED and the sermon only is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus our camera only on the pastor. On very rare occasions, persons seated near the front of the church may appear in this sermon video. We do not have the time or facility to edit out these images. If you have objections to inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted on the church website, we would encourage you to find seats toward the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities, however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the **musical performances are copyright protected** and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: We are encouraging everyone to use the main entrance, by the offices, during the week. Please observe the signage that is posted. We are looking to enhance our security and provide better foot traffic efficiency. During the Sunday events, the regular entrances will be utilized.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" may be placed on the backside of our blue Response Cards, which are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. You may also call the church office on or before Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. each week or e-mail your request to jblanchard@umcdunes.org.

Please let the church office know in a timely manner if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or are homebound and desiring a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. Because of confidentiality laws in place, we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. We would like to be supportive but we also need your help. Thank you.

PRAISE GOD FOR

FLOWERS IN THE SIDE WINDOW are from Carol Rolph in memory of her husband Lee who died April 1, 2003.

Church of the Dunes, Many thanks for the use of your facility to train new tutors for R.E.A.D. In March, we trained seven students who will be serving adults in our community who wish to improve their literacy. You do good work! Val Martin, R.E.A.D. Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you for all the beautiful cards I received for my March 18th birthday—it's a pleasure looking at them still. Also thank you for the red roses from the church, the lovely yellow rose plant from my son, and the bouquet complete with balloon from my niece. It has all been great and thank you so much. Leta Henrickson

I want to say thank you for the prayers and cards. It means a lot to me and my family during our time of loss. It gives us hope and faith that my aunt Rosie is no longer in pain and resting in God's arms as a new angel. Thank you. Rebecca Palen

The family of Bev Parrott would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, love and support given to mom/grandma and the rest of us. We so appreciate all the prayers, cards, encouragements, offers of transportation, visits, food, flowers, etc. We are so blessed to have such an amazing church family and mom really loved all of you at the Dunes. Thank you also to all who played a part in making her memorial service exactly what she wanted, upbeat and truly a celebration of who she was. Mom had so many special friends that helped out in so many ways. Thank you to all, from the bottom of our hearts. The Parrotts & The Sucheckis

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: April 2- Eric Grettenberger (14 yrs.), Linda Huyler; 3-Darleen Houle, Mary Larned; 4-Tylor Cole, Paige Horist (15 yrs.), Jo Somerville; 5-Paul Boyce, Emma Lavengood, Andrew Mihovich, Pamela Suchecki; 6-Caleb Kehl (17 yrs.), Aidan Martin (17 yrs.), Tina Zellman; 7-Leona Gingrich.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Friendly Center. Toledo, OH; and Ellyn Dubberly, Missionary.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is now posted on the wall outside the Wiltse Center. You may sign up to sponsor the sanctuary flowers on a specific Sunday. The cost is \$30; church office staff will order the flowers for you.

DEADLINES: Bulletins-Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest Newsletter-the 15th day of each month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Please note: Pastor Lou's day off is Friday.

WE'RE HAPPY TO LEND A HELPING ELBOW: Would a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella make your walk from the parking lot into church easier, safer, and more comfortable? Ushers and greeters are available to assist. To make advance arrangements, please call the church office by noon on Friday at (616) 842-7980. If you prefer, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a bright yellow card that signals your request for a helping elbow. On Sunday morning when you arrive, place the card on your dashboard so it is visible from the entrance. An usher or greeter will come out to assist you.