



March 31, 2024

He is Risen!

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Easter Sunday

In Person Worship

We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

arr. Sterling
Celebration Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is Risen indeed!**

We Praise God

*Hymn #302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Children’s Time

Hymn #322

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Easter Prayer

O God, we worship on this holy day, knowing that we are your Easter people. We read the story again and are invited to look up and marvel at the sight of the rising Son. Like a polar people who gaze in wonder at the light of the sun after not just a day but a season of darkness. Light once a distant memory, we now marvel and wonder at its re-arrival. Help us reflect the light of your rising Son, that others might see, rise, and give glory to you. We pray this by the spirit and power of the risen Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Alleluia, He Lives”

Raney
Celebration Choir

*Doxology

(to the tune of #95)

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
and given life eternal breath. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ and seek to exhibit the love of Christ in and through our lives.

As we present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own limited expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Gospel

John 12:12-16

Sermon

"What R U up 2 ? -- Look Up!"

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

**Loving God, we ask that You create breakthroughs,
open doors, direct and inspire us to follow you.
Transcend our too often defeat-filled lives
with the victorious power and love of our Risen Savior.
May we share Christ's love
with our church, our community, and Your world.
And may Your will be done. Amen.**

*Hallelujah Chorus

Celebration Choir, Bells, Brass, and guests

Handel

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Hymn #302

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!

Up From the Grave He Arose
Hymn #322

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

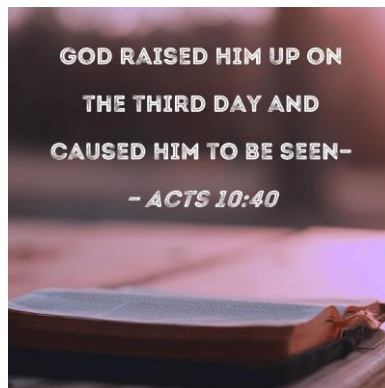
Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]



Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.
King of kings, and Lord of lords.
King of kings, and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign, and He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY March 31, 2024

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Easter activities for children K through 5 - Nursery
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM NO Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY April 1, 2024

- 9:30 AM Knitters – Panera, Grand Haven
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Gun Violence Prevention – Room 2 (lower level)

TUESDAY April 2, 2024

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM "Preparing My Heart" Study – Room 2 (lower level)
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 6:30 PM United Women in Faith Board – Room 10
- 7:00 PM Missions – Room 13/14 (lower level)
- 7:15 PM NO Bell Choir – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY April 3, 2024

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 4:30 PM Baritone Lesson - Sanctuary
- 5:15 PM NO Supper - Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM NO Guitar Club – Sanctuary
- 6:15 PM NO Knitters – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM NO Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY April 4, 2024

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM Community Senior Choir – Sanctuary
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:00 PM Mary Circle – Russ' Restaurant, Grand Haven
- 3:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons - Sanctuary

FRIDAY April 5, 2024

- Office Closed
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons

SATURDAY April 6, 2024

No Scheduled Activities



Information, Events, and Activities

Happy Easter! Welcome to Worship!

If you are looking for a church home, please consider Church of the Dunes. You are invited to the Wiltse Center fellowship area after worship for coffee and refreshments. To get there, follow the main floor hallway until it ends and turn right.

Church of the Dunes has choirs, a bell choir, group guitar lessons for all ages, book and topic discussion groups, Bible studies, Sunday School for children, caregiver and grief support groups, knitters and craft groups, open pickleball, men's groups and breakfasts, women's circles, and Finishing Well Ministry activities for 55+.

RESURRECTION GARDEN FLOWER PICK-UP

If you ordered flowers and plan to pick them up today, please remain seated until after the service and postlude music have concluded. Then, gather in the center aisle to wait for a volunteer to help you collect your flowers.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GATHERINGS – BEGIN APRIL 7, 6:00 PM

All are invited to these informal times for prayer in the sanctuary. There will be prayers for individual, church, and world needs, as well as thanking God for God's many blessings.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – MARK, PART 2 – BEGINS APRIL 9, 10:00 AM

10:00 a.m., nine weeks, Cathy Shick, facilitator, Room 2 lower level

Using a book by N.T. Wright, this study explores the Gospel of Mark. This is the second part of a study that began last fall. New participants are welcome – each chapter stands on its own. If you need a copy of the book, let the facilitator know. For assistance, contact the church office.

CRAFT CIRCLE WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST – APRIL 11, 10:00 AM

Guest speaker Jodie Freeman reveals, "There once was a girl who colored on walls... and never stopped." Listen to Jodie at Craft Circle April 11 at 10 a.m. in the Ryder Lounge. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S RETREAT "PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER" – MAY 11, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Inspirational author, life coach, and grief and trauma counselor Susan VandePol is the featured speaker at this one-day retreat for women. This event is open to the public; all women are welcome. Advanced registration is required (\$15), and scholarships are available if the fee is an obstacle. Registration forms will be available soon.

Schedule Notes

Some activities will take a Spring break this week. New participants are always welcome!

Faith Linked Discussion Group

Sundays at 10:45 a.m., *resumes April 7*, current events and topics from a faith-focused perspective.

Bell Choir

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., *resumes April 9*, new ringers, please contact the director for more information. The church office can assist in making the connection.

Group guitar lessons

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., *resumes April 10*, open to all ages, some loaner instruments are available.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., *resumes April 10*, open to adult, high school, and middle school singers.

All are Welcome

*The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.
We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.
This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities,
ages, abilities, and socio-economic status
to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.*

Sunday Mornings at Church of the Dunes

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery – available during 9:30 a.m. worship

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Today: Easter activities for K-5 in the nursery

The pastor will dismiss children who wish to participate from worship, after the Children's Time.

Sunday School for Children resumes April 7, after the Children's Time, Room 8

The "Celebrate Wonder" lessons include Bible stories, activities, and more.

Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

Faith Linked is on Easter break and resumes next Sunday at 10:45 a.m., Ryder Lounge

Discussion of topics and current events from a faith-focused perspective. Open to all adults.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. If you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit, please let us know. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Praises and Prayers

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

April 1 James Hartman
April 3 Robert Bergstrom (16), Darleen Houle, Mary Larned
April 4 Paige Horist
April 5 Andrew Mihovich, Pam Suchecki
April 6 Caleb Kehl, Tina Zellman

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
March 24	\$16,847	\$9,347	\$8,830	105.9

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

March 24, 2024

Total attendance	272
In person	167
Online	105 (70x1.5)

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Bruce Bishop
Acolyte: Brody Kurburski
Music: Celebration Choir, Bells of Glory, Judah Weeks,
Brass and Timpani from *Northern Lights Drum and Bugle Corps*
Technology: Don Woodward, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeter: Carole Woolf
Welcome Center: Carol Sue Scherpenisse
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Nancy Humphrey, Neal Miller, Ron Kurburski, Tim Kurburski
Coffee Hour: Doug & Susan Thorpe, Sherry Baker

Next Week – April 7

Liturgist: Diane Gordon
Acolyte: Miles Karsten
Music: Al Kochanowski, Dianne Prieditis, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Blair Miller, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: Bill & Kathy DeBone
Welcome Center: Jan & Denny Stuart
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Ruth Woodward, Nancy Humphrey, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love.
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples.
- share the Good News.
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God.



Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.