

A painting of a sunrise over a landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the land. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. In the foreground, there is a dirt path leading towards a dark, arched opening in a rocky hillside, which appears to be a tomb entrance. The ground is covered with green grass and small, colorful flowers in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. The overall scene is peaceful and hopeful.

*He is Risen*

# EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUILDING TOGETHER THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:1-16

April 20, 2025

**EASTER SUNDAY**

~ *GATHERING AROUND THE WORD* ~

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Dan Uhl

Organ: Carole Mitchell

Trumpets: Richard Magner, Mark Weis

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PRAYER

Deedra Rich

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*\*We stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is spoken in unison.*)

Deedra Rich

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!**

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

**Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.**

We gather today to shout Alleluia!

**Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.**

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

### \*HYMN NO. 367

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Charles Wesley

~ *BEING RENEWED IN GRACE* ~

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Sauls

**We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you, we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us. (*We continue in silent prayer.*) Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mark Sauls

God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mark Sauls

~ *HEARING THE WORD* ~

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mark Sauls

## FIRST READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Pew Bible O.T. p. 694  
Deedra Rich

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

Michael Burkhardt

*Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia! Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes. Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia! Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing, O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Jesus is risen, we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia! Amen! City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God, the I am! Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Pew Bible N.T. p. 214  
Rev. Jeanine Fulton

## SERMON

Grace is Alive!

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

~ *RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING* ~

## \*HYMN NO. 343

*Amazing Grace*

John Newton

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mark Sauls

*(The Apostles' Creed may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

Deedra Rich

## OFFERTORY

### *It Is Finished* Praise Band

Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker

*The cross is my beginning. The line drawn in my sand. The end of all my striving. Now I am born again. There Jesus was forsaken, so I will never be. His grace is my salvation, the gift of God, the work of Calvary. It is done, it is finished, Christ has won, He is risen. Grace is here, love has triumphed over death forever. The cross needs no addition. His mercy is complete. His love is not in question. The Son of God has spoken over me. Strongholds bowing to the Savior, resurrection power over every circumstance. His word stands final and forever, it will not be shaken, He alone has won it all. It is done, it is finished, Christ has won, He is risen. Grace is here, love has triumphed over death forever. It is done, it is finished, mercy won, I'm forgiven. Sing His name, He is worthy of our praise Jesus.*

### ~ GOING FORTH TO SHARE THE WORD ~

## \*HYMN NO. 368

### *He Lives*

ACKLEY

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jeanine Fulton

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN NO. 39

### *Hallelujah Chorus*

George Fredrick Handel

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude or gather in the narthex for fellowship.*

## POSTLUDE

### *Postlude on 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today'*

Richard Brown

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*The flower arrangement in the sanctuary is given to the Glory of God,  
in celebration of the resurrection and in loving memory of Peter Hillman by his family.*

*We welcome guest musicians Richard Magner and Mark Weis,  
along with guest singers Travis Smith and Matthew Samuels.*

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or online by visiting our website at [www.eastminster.us/giving](http://www.eastminster.us/giving)*

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GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN HONOR  
AND MEMORY

EASTER

2025

*Lilies given to the glory of God  
and in loving honor of*

Giving thanks for the love of family and friends and the  
blessings that Easter brings  
by Ray Pinkerton & Melanie Mackie

Loren Collins, Lyle and Hannah Collins, Lara and  
Heath Chambers, Kara, Izzy, Jasper, Lynden, and Lily  
by Leon Collins

Trey Deal, Hannah Deal, and Paige Lord, our  
grandchildren  
by Grandma and Eeyore Crawford

Finley, June, and Cora, our granddaughters  
by Rick and Susan Adle

Edna Harrison (100) and Patsy Armbruster (96),  
our moms  
by Katherine and Norman Harrison

Charlotte, Alexandria, and Elizabeth, our daughters  
by Daddy and Mama (Mark and Sarah Sauls)

Ann, Mattie, Zoey, Lenore, and Maeve, our children  
and grandchildren  
by Dave and Samille Malloy

Miles, Ava, Bennett, our grandchildren  
by Shelly and Ron Lee

Mary Uthlaut  
by Scott and Janet Uthlaut

In loving memory and honor of our parents, Milton and  
Jeanette Jones and George and Jane Wilmot  
by Janice and Chip Wilmot

*Lilies given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of*

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bentley and Mr. and Mrs. L. G.  
Hatcher, our parents  
by Mary Catherine and Larry Bentley

*Lilies given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of* (continued)

Jean and Talmadge Ashworth, Shelly's parents  
by Shelly and Ron Lee

Shirley and Carl Lee, Ron's parents  
by Shelly and Ron Lee

Lourene Plunkett Collins  
by Leon Collins, Loren Collins, Lyle and  
Hannah Collins, Lara and Heath Chambers,  
Kara, Izzy, Jasper, Lynden, and Lily

George and Nell Plunkett and Edwin and Lois Collins  
by Leon Collins

Betty Cooley, my wife  
by Ted Cooley

Our parents with love  
by Jim and Diane Zettergren

Herbert Uthlaut  
by Scott and Janet Uthlaut

Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Thompson, Sr.  
by Dr. Shirley W. Thompson

Bert Hoffman  
by Geri and Doug Burns

Dick Houpt  
by Geri and Doug Burns

Judy Burns  
by Geri and Doug Burns

Jane Batten  
by Bob and Jeff Batten

Rico Wilborn  
by your loving family

Robert Thomson  
by the Wilborn family

*Lilies given to the glory of God and in loving memory of* (continued)

Jeanne and Theodore Redman, my parents  
by Linda Redman

Maggie Jones, my wife  
by Ed Jones

Ed and Marion Andrews  
by Glen and Angie Andrews

Joe Loy Harrison  
by Glen and Angie Andrews

Don Dufour  
by Glen and Angie Andrews

Jane Hollis, mother of Charlotte Scott  
by Buck and Charlotte Scott

Marcy Scott, daughter of Buck & Charlotte Scott  
by Buck and Charlotte Scott

Walter and Cecilia Powell and Milton and Grace  
Howard, our parents  
by Henry and Mary Ann Howard

Mary and Ken Faulker and Mildred and Richard Adle  
by Rick and Susan Adle

Porter David Deal Jr., our grandson  
by Grandma and Eeyore Crawford

Lois and Bill Loftin  
by Deb and Glenn Hoaks

Adele Atkins  
by Deb and Glenn Hoaks

Dr. Verle L. Mickish, my husband  
by Ginny Mickish

Valerie Lynn Mickish, my daughter  
by Ginny Mickish

Lewis Gunter  
by Kelly Gunter

Gayle Owen  
by Alice Day and Ibby Bailey

Michael Halpin Lawing (1965-2025)  
by Harvey Young and Anne Lawing

Jean E. Paře  
by David Morgan

Nancy A. Dorn  
by David Morgan

Joseph and Betty Malloy and Curtis and Zola Mitchell,  
our parents  
by Dave and Samille Malloy

Alan Mackie  
by Ray Pinkerton & Melanie Mackie

Kay Pinkerton  
by Ray Pinkerton & Melanie Mackie

*We invite those on the aisle seat to sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

**Eastminster will celebrate its 58th birthday on Sunday, May 4!** Following the worship service, the Congregational Life Committee will host a special potluck luncheon in the gym. The church will provide fried chicken, rolls, dessert, and drinks. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad or side dish to share. To ensure enough chicken is ordered, reservations are requested. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or email the church office at [office@eastminster.us](mailto:office@eastminster.us). **The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, April 29.**

**The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21.** The staff will return on Tuesday, April 22, and will have a staff meeting at 11 AM. If you need to reach a staff member during this time, please contact them by email.

**Please join us for our Wednesday Night dinner and program on April 23.** Dinner will include beef and chicken tacos with salsa and chili, Mexican brownies, and drinks. We will eat at 5:30 PM in Founders Hall and at **6:15 PM we will gather in the Adult Center for Jeopardy.** Meals are \$12 per person or \$6 per child 12 years or younger. Email your reservations by Monday, April 21 to [office@eastminster.us](mailto:office@eastminster.us) or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Reservations will not be accepted after Sunday.

**We will take up the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday, April 27.** Information about the offering can be found in the narthex. Contributions can be made online at [www.eastminster.us/giving](http://www.eastminster.us/giving) with 'One Great Hour' noted on the donation.

**VBS Volunteer Meeting will be held at 2pm, April 29 in the Adult Center.**

A **congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 27, immediately following the worship service to receive the annual report. Then, at noon, the **Session meeting** will be in the Adult Center.

Join us for our **Youth Faith Forum on Wednesday, April 30, 6 PM to 7:30 PM.** Bring your friends, enjoy dinner, and get ready for engaging conversations about faith, ethics, and the life choices that matter most.

**The next Outreach Blood Drive is Sunday, May 4, 8:30 - 1 pm.** Look for us in the LifeSouth Bloodmobile and help us reach our goal of 10 units of blood. You must be 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and have an ID. Come and give, knowing that your "Gift of Life" will save lives.

Register Now! **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World Vacation Bible School, June 23-26, 9 AM - 12:30 PM** for ages 3 - 12. New this year, teens 13-18 are invited to join us as Teen Crew Leaders. Registration forms are available on our website at [www.eastminster.us/vbs](http://www.eastminster.us/vbs).

**ESAP Summer Camp, May 27 – August 1, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Ages 3-12) – Register now** at [www.eastminster.us/summer](http://www.eastminster.us/summer). This year's summer camp theme is *The Greatest Gift: Is More Than Presents*.

**Monday, April 21 – Office Closed**

9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym  
10:00 a.m. Rick's Bible Study – Zoom 1  
6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 876 – Gym

**Tuesday, April 22**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
Al-Anon – Room 325  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Zoom 2

**Wednesday, April 23**

9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym  
9:30 a.m. Yoga – Founders Hall  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir – Room 136  
5:30 p.m. Dinner – Founders Hall - Tacos  
6:15 p.m. Program – Adult Center - Jeopardy  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**Thursday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. Marys & Marthas Bible Study – Youth Rm.  
6:30 p.m. Personnel Co. Meeting – Adult Center  
7:30 p.m. Pickleball - Gym

**Friday, April 25 – Office Closed**

9:15 a.m. LZ Aerobics – Gym  
6:00 p.m. Happy Hour from Home – Zoom 1

**Saturday, April 26**

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – Gym

**Sunday, April 27**

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (birth - 12 years)  
– Room 222 - 224  
Adult Sunday School – Adult Center  
Simple Matters Small Group - Youth Rm.  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Adult Center