Cornerstone Methodist Church Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

"Jesus said to them, 'Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." Luke 24:39

GATHERING AS A CHURCH

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Assurance of Pardon

Welcome and Announcements (p. 4)

Call to Worship – from Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Leader: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

Congregation: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Congregation: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Songs

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Silence

Sung Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Time for Youth		Nugget & Chadder
Epistle Reading		I Corinthians 15:1-11
Hymn of Preparation	"The Day of Resurrection"	UMH 303 (p. 3)

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Message

Jesus' 40 Days of Appearances

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response

"Christ Is Alive"

UMH 318 (p. 3)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

Joys, Risks, and Concerns

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

"He Lives"

UMH 310 (p. 3)

Benediction

The scriptures tell us the Messiah was to suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. We are His witnesses. Go with Christ. Amen.

The Day of Resurrection – UMH 303

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Christ is Alive – UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now, and conquer every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

<u>He Lives – UMH 310</u>

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever foes may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: He lives, (He lives) He lives, (He lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (He lives) He lives, (He lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast; the day of His appearing will come at last. *(Refrain)*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing, eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. (*Refrain*)

Worship Opportunities

Praising & Praying @ 9:45 AM Sunday School @ 10 AM – Worship @ 11 AM Drive-Up/Outdoor on FM radio 107.5 Online Worship on Christian World Media & Facebook Contemporary Worship – Saturday, May 11th @ 6 PM

Personal Growth Opportunities

Letter of James Bible Study Wednesday, April 24th @ 6 PM

Service Opportunities

Helping Hands at AG Church – Saturday, May 4th Long-Term Care Worship – April 28th @ 3:30 PM

Fellowship Opportunities

Visit each other in-person, or call/text No-Host Breakfast Saturdays @ 8 AM at The Owl Club

Upcoming Church Meetings

Admin Council – Wednesday, May 8th @ 6 PM

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader-Shawn Jones; Music-Keith Jones; Liturgist-Keith Jones; Message-Gary Robbins; Piano-Sonja Sherve & Blayne Jones; Acolyte-Blayne Jones; Lay Leader-Doug Staton

Prayer List and Chain

Contact Verona Dohms at 635-2742 or Shawn Jones at 635-2335 to have your needs, concerns, or joys placed on our Prayer List or Prayer Chain.

Tithes and Offerings

You may give to our church online thru our website: <u>https://www.cornerstonemethodistchurchbattlemountain.org/</u> and click on the "Give to our church" button or at: <u>https://tithe.ly/give?c=6593200</u>

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