

Welcome To Worship
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
April 14, 2024 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: George Kirk

CALL TO WORSHIP: George Kirk

Come! Let us worship our living God!

Let us glorify our provider and our protector!

For he has promised to rescue those who love Him and protect those who trust in his name.

He has promised to answer when we call upon Him, to be with us in trouble and rescue and honor us.

He has promised to reward us with long lives and give us his salvation

All praise, honor and glory be to You, o gracious Lord! Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER: George Kirk

*HYMN: "Christ Is Alive" Hymnal 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 dwell in 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.

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Jaqie Keady
Luke 24: 36b-48 (P)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ 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.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Open Minds” Pastor Jeff

ANTHEM: “At The Cross” Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: George Kirk

Generous God, we return a portion, of what you have provided us, to your church, and dedicate it to be used toward bringing your kingdom to this earth. Amen

HYMN: “Thine Be The Glory” Hymnal 308

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (*Refrain*)

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff