

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
April 14, 2024 ~ 11 am

PRELUDE: "Do It Again"

Walking around these walls I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Your promise still stands, Great is your faithfulness faithfulness
I'm still in your hands, This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough keep me within your love
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I've seen you move you move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way where there was no way
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I never will forget You've never failed me yet
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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

*OPENING SELECTION: "Death Was Arrested"

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
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Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
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Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

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Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
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PASTOR'S GREETING: Pastor Jeff

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S SPOTLIGHT & MESSAGE: Pastor Jeff
Children will be dismissed to Children's Church

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: KJ Stine
Luke 24: 36b-48

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.

*SELECTION: "Living Hope"

How great the chasm, that lay between us
How high the mountain, I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name, into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows, of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine, so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom, such boundless grace?
The God of ages, stepped down from glory
To wear my sin, and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings, calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!

You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Your buried body began to breathe
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SERMON: "Open Minds" Pastor Jeff

SELECTION: "Unstoppable God"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE: "UNSTOPPABLE GOD"

Unstoppable God let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things in Your name they shall be done

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(Oh)

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

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace

A men Amen amen

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