

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

April 18, 2021



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and
*In Loving Memory of my Husband Bob and my Father
on their birthdays
Presented by Ann Varey*

*In Loving Memory of our Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Grier Goodheart
and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Graper
Presented by Dick and Peggy Graper*

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Director of Music:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Kristin Moser
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery, Sherri Hodgson
Song Leaders:	Sharon and Calvin Keeler, Jr.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’...

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering,

he said to them, ‘Have you anything to eat?’

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.” Luke 24:36b, 41-43

April 18, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC

“Praeludium in F-Dur”

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God’s love.

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 318 v. 1, 4, 5)

“Christ is Alive”

TRURO

**1. 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.**

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

**5. 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.**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love;

come to us through your holy word and let us hear what you are saying.

Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?
 And who told the ocean, you can only come this far?
 And who showed the moon where to hide 'til evening?
 Whose words alone can catch a falling star?

Well, I know my Redeemer lives
 I know my Redeemer lives
 All of creation testifies
 This life within me cries
 I know my Redeemer lives.

The very same God that spins things in orbit
 Runs to the weary, the wern and the weak
 And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken
 They conquered death to bring me victory.

Now, I know my Redeemer lives
 I know my Redeemer lives
 Let all creation testify
 Let this life within me cry
 I know my Redeemer

He lives to take away my shame
 And He lives forever, I'll proclaim
 That the payment for my sin
 Was the precious life He gave
 But now He's alive and
 There's an empty grave...

And I know my Redeemer lives
 I know my Redeemer lives
 Let all creation testify
 Let this life within me cry
 I know my Redeemer
 I know my Redeemer lives
 He lives

MESSAGE

"Touch and See"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (TFWS 2115 v. 1, 2, 4) "Christ Has Risen"

HOLLY MANNA

**1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
 Christ has risen where hope died,
 As he said and as he promised,
 As we doubted and denied.
 Let the moon embrace the blessing,
 Let the sun sustain the cheer,**

**Let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**2. Christ has risen for the people
Whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**4. Christ has risen and forever
Lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled,
All who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
Making us what he has been
Evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PSALM Psalm 4 (read responsively) A Psalm of David.

Sung Refrain: *There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.*

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
**You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.**

² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him. (Sung Refrain)

⁴ When you are disturbed,^[a] do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" (Sung Refrain)

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. (Sung Refrain)

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(UMH 95)

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

OLD 100TH

**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.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of love, help us remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours,
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.**

Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.

Ours are the hands to bless the people we meet.

Ours are the feet to do good in Christ's name.

**Bless, O God, the work of our hands and these offerings,
that they may be Christ's work in the world. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 306)

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

VICTORY

**Antiphon:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!**

**2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!**

**3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**

**4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!**

(Antiphon)

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised
and that we are raised with him.

Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you;
May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you;
And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated

SENDING FORTH

"Fuge in F-Dur"

J.S. Bach

*Please remain seated until the SENDING FORTH is concluded
and you are dismissed by an usher.*

You will be dismissed by rows, starting at the back of the sanctuary.

**please stand, in body or spirit*

bold text indicates congregation response

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

Lectionary Scriptures for the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, April 25, 2021

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Our Prayers



Becky ++ Michele Berk +++ Brantley + Ralph Crossan ++++ Jennifer Evans Joyce Evans Erma Harris ++++ Jamie	Kay ++ Janet Kelley +++ Carrie Mack + Barbara Reed ++++ Shui Salam Steven Wendy	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Donald Bogert Clara Brelsford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Victoria "Bo" Fulton Ken Johnson	Kristin Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Olivia Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

Please pray for family and friends of Sue Givens.

Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!

Website: www.EbenezerUMCNewark.org and **Facebook:** [Ebenezer UMC Newark](https://www.facebook.com/EbenezerUMCNewark).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the Room 204.

Bible Study for Today: Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH. If you would like to attend, you need to please contact Nancy Williams at mtnanax3@yahoo.com or (406) 381-8304.



Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Sponsored by the Ebenezer UMW to support local and global missions

Saturday, April 24, 2021

5:00-6:00 pm- Takeout's only, Pick up in CLC

Everyone is welcome!

Adults \$12.00

Children under 12 \$6.00

3 and under free

Please pre order by filling out an order form, available in Narthex or by calling:

Church Office (731-9495) or Diane Clark (239-6835)

Orders due by 4/18/21

Attention Graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please contact the church office and let us know the graduates name, school graduating from and future plans.



Pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Pinwheels for Prevention began as a grassroots campaign in Georgia, Florida and Ohio.



A pinwheel represents the whimsical notion of childhood and reminds us that every child deserves the chance at having a healthy and happy childhood.

We ordered pinwheels to display at church and for church members to take home. They are available in the Narthex. Help us spread the message about the power of prevention through the visual recognition of pinwheels throughout the community.

Remember...a pinwheel also needs wind to move forward, and with our actions and our intention, **we can be that wind.**