

Easter



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fanfare		Russell Calhoun
Hymn #302	Christ the Lord is Risen Today Stanzas 1, 2, & 4 Beth Simms, voice, and Allison Harris, violin	*UMC
Easter Blessing Video		
Pastor's Welcome		
New Members		
Invitation to Mission		
Hymn #322	Up From the Grave He Arose Liz Wright, voice, and Allison Harris, violin	UMC
Time of Prayer		Rosabelle and Samantha Moody
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Musical Offering	<i>Yes and Amen</i> Pete Peltier	Chris Tomlin
Scripture	Matthew 28:1-9 The Murray Family	**NRSV
Message	Emerging from the Tomb	Myra Moreland
Song	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> Members of Sanctus Choir	G.F. Handel
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Jason Payne

* United Methodist Hymnal
** New Revised Standard Version

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our church family: Megan Backes; Marguerite Nowacek; Phil & Jane Button; Bill Young; Krista Conyers; Nancy Lorenz; John Wagster; Charlene Faunt; Bob & Sherry Giles; Emily Edwards; Brendan Murray; Delores Miller; Mary Nahhat; Allison Hempstead; Chris & Nan Orletski; Mike Monte; Annabelle Cook; Jan Carlson; Joyce Burton; Marguerite Horak; Rick Vincent; Sheryl Hunter; Carol Hardt; Cindy Vandermark; Pastor Jeff Nelson; The Riggs Family; Dorothy Matsumoto

Prayers for our extended family: Essential workers and health care providers fighting COVID-19; Fred Rohrbach; Nick Nicholas; Marilyn Mansfield; Scott Schell; Margaret O'Donnell; Don, Ann, & Michael Anderson; Pam Payne; Mary; John & Charlene Orletski; Tasha Ellison; Tony Monte; Patti Pittman; Effie Lambros; Gordon Yarbrough; Ivan Rice; Susan McNabb; Kris Beachum

Senior Spotlight: Robert & Christine Hall

Sympathy to the Elizabeth and Sharron Kincannon, on the death of their husband and father, Bill Kincannon, April 8.

For the complete Prayer List, please contact our
Pastoral Care Team at prayers@rofum.org.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

On Maundy Thursday, as we celebrated the night that Jesus gathered around the table with his disciples, our Governor extended the stay at home order until April 30. In the midst of the staggering numbers of virus cases and deaths, on Good Friday we remembered the death of Jesus on the cross. Holy Saturday may well feel like the "tomb" for many of us at home alone, separated from family and friends. Just remember that Easter is coming. Hope is alive. The risen Christ is with us in the midst of all the quarantine and confusion, amid the pain and suffering. As we reinvent Easter brunch and family gatherings, our church family will still come together virtually on Easter morning (streaming at 9 and 11 am).

I know many of you put those Easter yard signs out in your yard. I had a wonderful moment this morning. A city crew was on my street cleaning up leaves and limbs. I grabbed my sign that read "Thank you essential workers" and moved it right in front of the workers. They stopped for just a moment and we traded smiles. Those yard signs say it all. "Thank You Essential Workers," "Easter Blessings" and "We've Got This." We are grateful; we are blessed and we've got this.

I have been closing the services this week with this blessing...Don't just shelter in place; shelter in peace. Grace and Peace to you all.

Stay safe and please stay home,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Meya". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.