



The Risen Christ by the Sea



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1st Sunday of Easter/Holy Humor Sunday

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“Joyful Rhythm” – Temple Bells

***CALL TO LAUGHTER**

L: Sing a new song!

P: A joyful melody of springtime glory and rebirth.

L: Sing praises to our Still-Laughing Easter God.

P: Who has rolled away the bindings of yesterday.

L: Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth.

P: We place our visions and hopes on the table of wine and wheat.

L: For God has taken ordinary things.

P: And made them extraordinary.

L: Knock knock,

P: who's there?

L: Lettuce.

P: Lettuce who?

L: Lettuce pray.

***OPENING PRAYER - PRAYER TO THE GOD OF LAUGHTER**

Lord of laughter, open our eyes to see through the absurdities of this brazen century and to confront them with good humor rather than faithless despair. Help us to smile while the wealthy worry or the politicians strut and dissemble. Give us the grace to chuckle at technological vain-glory or the self-praise of the entertainment industry. When ignorance poses as dogmatic, scientific wisdom, or the devil's slaves pretend to be angels of light, enable us to laugh heartily with the faith and daring that is born of your Easter victory. Lord of laughter, when we take ourselves too seriously, laugh at us until we come to our senses. For your love's sake; Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 657**

“This Is the Day”

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM **“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”**
Chancel Choir



***CONFESSION AND CREED**

L: We believe in God, who made us in Gods image.

All: **We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.**

L: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

All: **He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

All: **Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!**

L: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

All: **Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HYMN OF “Down In My Heart” (Cooke, George W.CCLI, Administration Account)

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart.
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain: And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart,
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

2. I have the love of Jesus, Love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart. down in my heart,
I have the love of Jesus, Love of Jesus, Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain:

3. I have the peace That passeth understanding
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
Down in my heart.
I have the peace That passeth understanding, down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain:

4. I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer,
Way down in the depths of my heart, Way down in the depths of my heart.
Way down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer,
Way down in the depths of my heart,
Way down in the depths of my heart to stay.

Refrain:

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PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Theme from Sonata No. 6”**

*** DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

Living, loving God, we give thanks and praise that the doors of our hearts can't keep you out, and the doors of our churches can't keep you in! May your breath blow anew through the world, may your spirit fill the lives of those who believed they were beyond your reach! May we who have been so blessed with the joy of this Easter redemption be generous in sharing all that we are and all that we have, so that the power of the Resurrection might reach all your children. In Christ's Holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *The Altar is open during the hymn.*

“TAKE TIME TO BE FUNNY”

1. Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord

**Let laughter explode and have fun with God's Word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, they lift up the meek.**

2. Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul

**Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Hea-ven-ly transcendence can be your life's goal.**

3. For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,

**Replenishes hope and oft softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, rejoice in life's ride.**



PASTORAL PRAYER & 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

***SERMON SCRIPTURE (NRSV)**

SERMON

***HYMN OF PARTING “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

Chorus:

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus is alive.**

Verses:

- 1. While soldiers watched the gravesite
That quiet Sunday dawn
There came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone.**

Chorus



2. The women found no body
their spices to anoint,
Instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint.

Chorus

3. Go from where He isn't
to where He said He'd be.
An Eastertime reunion,
the hills of Galilee.

BENEDICTION

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Joy in the Morning”**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, April 27

1st Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
4:00 Temple Bells
4:45 SonShiners

Tuesday, April 29

6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, April 30

6:30 Good Grief
7:00 Women's Book Study
7:00 Yoga

Thursday, May 1

6:15 C Bells
7:00 Disciple 3
7:00 Nurture
7:15 Choir

Friday, May 2

9:00 Preschool

Friday, May 2 – Saturday, May 3

Gym in use

Next Sunday, May 4

2nd Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

8:00 Prayer Time
8:15 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Temple Bells & SonShiners
2:00 FISH & CHIPS
2:00 District Conference

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS: The Children's Collection today will be given to Native American Ministries, one of the eight Western Pennsylvania Conference Special Offerings. Funds will be used for urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries.

For a full list of offerings, visit www.wpc.org or call 412/261-1000.



The Methodist Men will have their famous chicken dinner on Thursday, May 15th from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 (under 5 years of age are free.) Only 200 tickets will be sold. See one of the Methodist Men for more information or to purchase a ticket.

OUR 2014 GREENSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church, 310 Oak Street, Irwin PA 15642 beginning at 4 p.m. The conference will flow along the same lines as last year. There will **not** be a meal in conjunction with the conference.

CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS...our collection bin has arrived! Thank you for the great response of donations of gently used clothing! Wow...there must be quite a few organized closets out there! If you haven't had a chance to clean out your closet yet, you still have time! **We will continue to collect belts, shoes, clothing, scarves, hats, shoes and bedding until the end of the year!** The mission partners in the conference center will be giving our church a check for 50% of the value/weight of the items collected. This money will be put in to our church campership fund to reimburse any monies that were used for campers this year. Our church gives 30% of the total cost of the camp they've chosen to campers that attend this church. It is not too late to register for camp! If you get your monies paid by May 1st, you can save \$10! Decide which camp you'd like to attend. Turn in your completed registration form to Debbie in the church office. She will send a church check along with your form to whatever camp you have selected. Please let us know if there is any additional hardship or monies needed, as all the camps have financial aid available. I would encourage everyone to go camping...it's the best week of summer!



Thank you for keeping your pledges up to date. In these difficult economic times it is a challenge for everyone, including our church, to make ends meet. With your faithful support through your tithes, time, talents, and witness First United Methodist Church of Irwin can continue to share God's ministry with our community and the surrounding area.



2014 RICK SIMMS MEMORIAL WORK TRIP: The dates for this year's work trip are June 22-25. Planning has started for the mission trip. We will know on April 29th what the project will be and the family that we will help. We would love for you to be a part of this year's team - either at the work site or in the kitchen. To help defray some of the cost for our room and food - there are lay grant scholarship forms located on the desk in the church office. Fill out the form and place it in our mail slot "Osterman" in the office. I need the forms returned by May 12th.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On Sunday June 1st, we will be celebrating Graduation Sunday. Immediately following the 10:45 service, all are invited to join the graduates in the gym to offer congratulations, and share in a time of fellowship. We will again be serving a nacho bar and cake. Please join us and show your support for our graduates and celebrate all they have accomplished as they begin the next chapter in their lives. It is our wish to honor all those graduating this year so if you or a family member is graduating High school or college please contact the church office and let them know the name of the graduate and the details of their graduation.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be May 18. Please take a moment to thank our Sunday School teachers for their dedication and service to our church.



THE UPPER ROOM daily devotion for May and June is now available. This booklet helps us grow in our faith and understanding of God. Pick one up this morning.



THE NEW RESTROOMS ARE FINISHED! One of the Trustees' projects this year was to update the restroom on the gym level. What was formerly the ladies restroom (near the kitchen) was completely gutted, beautifully renovated, and is now three separate restrooms which will be available for use by everyone. While they are all handicapped accessible, the largest of the three restrooms is also wheelchair accessible. Thank you to the Trustees for seeing that this much needed project was completed.
