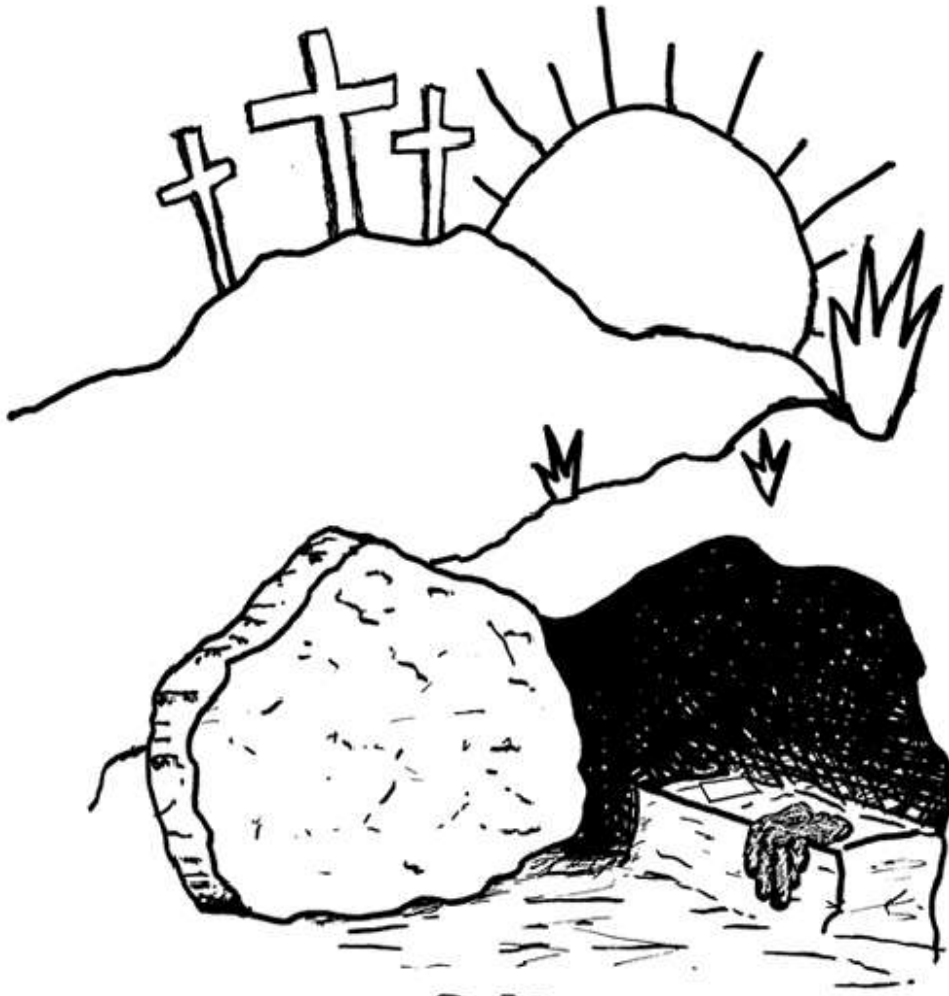


Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Sunday, April 20, 2014, 6:30 a.m.



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

Hymn

"In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. **(R)**

I'd stay in the garden with him thou the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. **(R)**

The Account of the Resurrection from Matthew 28:1-10

Opening Prayer:

Those who called for Jesus' death and those who killed him did not have the last word. Jesus forgave them all. Then God raised Jesus from death, proving once and for all that the loving, forgiving power of God is stronger than any force — stronger than greed or hate or fear. God loves us and will love us always.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Reading from Colossians 3:1-4

Sunrise Message Pastor Reaves

Hymn

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

1) Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2) Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! **(R)**

3) Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my savior,
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! **(R)**

An Easter Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over all evil and wrong.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, overcoming by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance, by faith in God alone.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, proving that nothing can separate us from God's love, showing us how far that love will go, and suffering for the sins of the world.

Lord Jesus, we greet You, risen from the dead, and we offer You our thanks and our praise, our prayers and our worship, our devotion and our service.

Lord, Jesus, we greet You, and we pray to you, and we pray through you, and we pray with joy and confidence as you taught us, saying...

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, the power and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

An Easter Affirmation

L: There was darkness over the earth before creation;

P: There is darkness in the womb before birth;

L: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

P: There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.

L: But now Christ is Risen!

P: The dawn has come

L: A new creation has commenced.

P: The world is born anew.

L: Christ is Risen.

P: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Thanks be to God!

P: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Benediction Pastor Reaves

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

Set your minds on the things of God and do not be afraid for your life is safe with Christ in God.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you.

May Christ Jesus be your life.

And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

Amen.

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Come to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy breakfast together
after the service has concluded!

All are welcome!!



