HYMN NOTES:
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today’ (245)
This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymn editor to make the words fit the tune. The usual Easter Hymn, also has a history from the 18th century of being named Christmas Day and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” Today we sing that tune at the beginning to a translation of a 14th century Latin hymn. In our Glory to God hymnal, the Wesley Easter words are coupled with a different tune, LLANFAIR. This Welsh tune by Robert Williams is named for a village in Montgomery County, Wales. Llanfair’s full name is one of the longest words in any language: Llanfairpwllgwynwylltysiliogogogoch, which means “Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysilio by the red cave.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15 & 11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Everlasting God,
In your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known. We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone. We're distant from our neighbors—from worship leaders too. No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood. Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room, but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb. Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well: Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell. Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day! Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Faith in Unprecedented Times
Sermon #3 "Don't Miss Easter"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

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