



Faith United Church of Christ

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Easter Sunday

April 24, 2011

10:45 a. m.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome you to our church and invite you to sign the registration pads at the end of the pew on the center aisle. Also, please join us following worship for fellowship and refreshments. Note to parents: There are special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12, along with a clipboard and crayons in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

***Please stand at those places indicated by an asterisk.**

Prelude	<i>Victimae paschali laudes</i>	Wipo of Burgundy (11th cent.)
	<i>Christ lag in Todesbanden" BWV 625</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	<i>This Joyful Eastertide</i>	John Leavitt (b.1956)
	<i>Prelude in G Major BWV 550</i>	J.S. Bach

Greeting (responsively)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Choral Introit *Jesus, My Lord* Music: Donald P. Moore Text: Robert Lowry
Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!
Vainly they watch His bed, Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Savior, oh, Jesus, my Lord!
Glory, glory, hallelujah, my Savior! Jesus is risen, oh, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He rose, Triumphant o'er His foes,
Jesus, my Savior, oh, Jesus, my Lord!
Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!
Victor from dark domain, Forever His saints to reign,
Jesus my Savior, oh, Jesus, my Lord!
Glory, glory, hallelujah, my Savior! Jesus is risen, oh, Jesus my Lord!

Call to Worship (Responsively)

L = Liturgist, C = **Congregation**

L: Easter begins in despair. Our life, our love, our hope has died – nailed to a cross, wrapped in grave clothes, laid to rest in a cave, sealed with a large stone.
C: **Who will roll away the stone?**

L: Easter takes us by surprise. Early in the morning, the obstacles we expect to face are removed. The stone is no longer there! But fear grips our heart.

C: **They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him.**

L: We return to the garden. We go crying, praying, hoping. We go seeking understanding, asking for strength. Then Jesus meets us there and speaks our name.

C: **The realization dawns. It may rise quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or explode like fireworks, painting the world with dazzle.**

L: We recognize the voice. We know the person. It is Jesus! He's alive! It's almost more than we can comprehend.

C: **Joy floods our soul. Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

L: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn 233

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Please remain standing for the Prayer of Invocation.

*Prayer of Invocation

(In Unison)

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in this morning of resurrection expecting to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world. But you are alive! The tomb cannot hold you; death cannot bind you. And just as we have been weeping and mourning that you were taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen indeed! The powers that caused you to suffer and die have been overcome. Death itself has been conquered. Our hearts are filled with hope and joy. May your name be praised! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ"; then be seated.

Chancel Choir Anthem

With Joyful Voice

Music: Joachim Neander/arr. John Carlton

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander

He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice;
He has burst His three days' prison, let the whole wide world rejoice.
Death is conquer'd, we are freed, Christ hath won the victory.
He is risen, Christ is risen. Lent's long shadows have departed, All His woes are over now;
Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, With glad smile and radiant brow,
O'er the passion that He bore, Sin and pain can vex no more.
He is risen, He is risen! He hath opened Heavens gate;
We are free from sin's dark prison, Risen to a holier state.
And a brighter Easter beam On our longing eyes shall stream.
He is risen, Christ has won the victory.

Hymn Sing (please remain seated)

230 *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (vss. 1 & 2)

***Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought all Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.***

***Spring has dawned on earth today; Christ has burst from prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as the sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and gray, is flying,
From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.***

232 *This Joyful Eastertide* (tune of 231 and words of 232)

(The Chancel Choir will sing this through one time and then everyone will sing it together.)

***This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst from three days' prison,
Our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!***

242 *The Strife is O'er* (vs. 1 with refrain at beginning and end)

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

245 *The Day of Resurrection* (vss. 1 & 3)

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.***

Parents of Children up through the 3rd grade are invited to bring their children to the church nursery at this time. Take the door to your right toward the front of the sanctuary.

Go up a half flight of stairs. The nursery is located next to the church office.

Scripture Reading Psalm 118:21-24 and John 20:1-18

Sermon

"The Dawn of Joy"

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering

The Easter offering is an expression of our gratitude to God for calling forth Jesus from death, thereby bringing forth new life from all forms of hurt and despair, and creating a new "community of life" upon the earth. The offering given today will be used to support the many ministries and missions of this church, including the missions we support with our state and national UCC partners. Thank you.

Offertory

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

*Doxology

(In Unison)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

(In Unison)

Roll back the stone again from the door of the tomb, O God. Set free the new dreams, the gallant aspirations, and noble commitments so long held hostage by fear and despair. Raise from the dead the lives you have given us for living, and help us live them with faith born anew and hope undying. We offer you our gifts this day as a token of our gratitude and joy. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Thine Is the Glory!

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.***

Refrain:

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

***Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*** (Refrain)

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)*

*Benediction and Benediction Response

*Postlude *Toccata in F Major BWV 540*

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Our Ministry

Ministers—All the Congregation *Pastor*—Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser

Liturgist—Davin Carr-Chellman *Sunday Trustee*—Mark Meckstroth

Coffee Hosts—Sue Doran and Meta Meckstroth *Nursery*—Janet Swim and Jeff Davidson

Ushers—**Alva Chellman**, Tom Juhnke, Jeff Davidson, Janet Swim

Church Staff: *Church School Coordinator*—Cindy Neidigh *Organist*—Mark Harries

Choir Director—Jacki Hunt *Secretary*—Karen Gilmore *Custodian*—Scott Luzier

WELCOME to Faith UCC. We're a church that "seeks to be a dynamic and inclusive faith community embodying the love of Jesus Christ as we grow through worship, learning, fellowship and service." We're glad you chose to worship with us today. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Romig Hall (downstairs) following worship.

The Northern Association Spring Banquet (formerly known as the Church Leaders' Banquet) will be held at Penns Valley High School on Thursday, May 12 at 6 pm. The Rev. Bruce Bouchard is speaking on "Peacemaking in the UCC." Your reservation and checks must be in the church office by tomorrow (April 25)! Adults \$12 and children \$6.

Nominations of church members able and willing to serve on our Pastoral Search Committee are being accepted by Cyndi Vincenti, the Vice President of Consistory, until the end of April. There will be about seven people selected from this list to serve. Please keep the Consistory in your prayers as they go through this important process.

Our Financial Secretary has received pledges from many people in the congregation for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. If you have not yet sent your pledge to the church, we invite you to do so. And if you did not receive a Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card in the mail, please pick one up on the shelf in the Gathering Space. Pledges may be sent to Barb Chellman, our Financial Sec/Church Treasurer. Thank you for your support.

You are cordially invited to a mid-week lunch at noon on Wednesday, May 4. Dr. Vincent Lunetta will present a slide show and narrative on "The Spirituality of Wild Places." The lunch consists of homemade soup, bread, veggies, and dessert. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations are accepted. This lunch is sponsored by the Membership and Fellowship Ministry Team.

Each Sunday during the school year, we hold a Church School for elementary aged children through teenagers and an Adult Forum at 9:30 am. Preschool children are welcome to come for their class in the church nursery at 10 am. For more information about the children's curriculum, contact Cindy Neidigh at cneidigh2@comcast.net.

We're grateful for all those who have hosted the Fellowship Time following worship. The Membership & Fellowship Ministry Team welcomes more hosts and hostesses, and are happy to assist those who would like help making coffee and serving the refreshments. A sign-up notebook is on the round table in the Gathering Space.

The Northern Association Annual Meeting is on May 1 beginning at 1:45 pm. The topic is "How is Your Church Being a good Steward?" (Stewardship doesn't always mean Money). This will be held at St. Luke's UCC in Lock Haven, PA.

The Nominating Committee is welcoming suggestions for names of church members to serve on our Ministry Teams. Please ask Cyndi Vincenti, Sue Doran, or Pastor Diane for more information.

New members are being received into the fellowship of our church on May 15 (note the change of date). If you are interested in knowing more about membership here, please feel free to contact Pastor Diane at revprosser@comcast.net or by calling the church office.

The 2011 Hartman Center Summer Camp Schedule is now available online at www.hartmancenter.com. Hartman Center is the church camp for all UCC churches in the Penn Central Conference. It's located in Milroy, just off route 322. There is a special discount for those who sign up for one of the many summer camps prior to April 30. Registration materials are on the website.

The House Walk '11 for Habitat for Humanity begins at 9:30 am on April 30 at Medlar Field at Penn State. Walkers are being asked to pay \$20 for adults and \$15 for a student. This includes prizes, a free t-shirt and a ticket to a Spikes game of your choice. For more information, go to www.habitatgcc.org.

The Annual Meeting of our church is Sunday, June 5, following worship. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are the Chair of a Ministry Team or Committee of Consistory, would you please send your written annual report to Karen in the Church Office? The deadline for submitting reports is May 16.

Do you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up? Or would you like to lift up for remembrance a special person? You are welcome to sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday morning (either from a florist or from your garden) and include a note in the bulletin. The sign-up poster for flowers is on the bulletin board across from the church office.

The Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting is at Susquehanna University from June 10-12. People from congregations throughout the conference are cordially welcome to attend. For more detail, go to pcucc.org.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH UCC

TODAY 10:45 AM Worship followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
7-8 PM Al-Anon

MONDAY Deadline to register for Northern Assoc Spring Banquet

TUESDAY NOON Daytime Women's Guild (RH)

WEDNESDAY 1 PM Membership & Fellowship MT (AB)
7 PM Education and Spiritual Growth Ministry Team (AB)

THURSDAY 7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

SATURDAY 9:30 AM Medlar Field *Habitat for Humanity House Walk '11*

NEXT SUNDAY 10:45 AM Worship (S) followed by fellowship and refreshments (RH)
1:45 PM Northern Association Annual Meeting in Lock Haven

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 4 NOON-1 PM Mid-Week Lunch with Vince Lunetta as presenter (RH)
3:30 PM Worship at the Atrium led by Rev. Prosser
7 PM Worship and Arts Ministry Team (AB)

MAY 8 10:45 AM Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

MAY 9 9:30 AM UCC Ministerium at UCC Church in Hublersburg

MAY 10 4 PM Friendship Tutoring Board Meeting (AH)

MAY 12 6 PM Spring Banquet of the Northern Association at Penns Valley

MAY 15 10:45 AM Reception of New Members during Worship

MAY 17 10 AM Gathering of the "Caring Team" at home of Martha Thompson
6:30-9 PM Girl Scout Troop 1174 led by June Brown (RH)
7 PM Trustee & Stewardship Ministry Team (AB)

MAY 18 7 PM Education & Spiritual Growth Ministry Team (AB)

MAY 21 9-11 AM Consistory (RH)

MAY 22 10:45 AM Youth Sunday (conclusion of our Church School Program)

AB = Antoinette Brown Room; AH = Asendorf Hall; ML = Meyer Library; RH = Romig Hall

USHERS FOR MAY 1 Dan Pfaff, Eileen Pfaff, Bob Dunham, Maureen Dunham

May 8 Kees Brandse, Bob Biber, Virginia Biber, Davin Carr-Chellman

Church Consistory (Elders of the Church)

Davin Carr-Chellman—*President* Cyndi Vincenti—*Vice President* Brent Frank—*Secretary*

Don Asendorf, Lois Bair, Edna Bicehouse, Kees Brandse, Sue Cromwell, Paul Hallacher,

June Irvin, Vaughn Shirk, Mary Jane Wild

Ex-Officio: Rev. Dr. Diane Prosser—*Pastor* Barbara Chellman—*Financial Secretary/ Church Treasurer*

Carlton Miller, *Asst. Treasurer*; Cyndi Vincenti, *Asst. Treasurer*

**Please talk with an usher if you need a large-print bulletin
or an assisted hearing device.**

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.

Easter Lilies given to the Glory of God and

In memory of...

given by

Loved Ones

Joe and Terri Krabill

Husband and father, Harry Weller

Jean Weller and Family

Our parents

Mark and Meta Meckstroth

Our parents: Edna and R.B. Clark, Bessie and Carl Wild; our aunts and uncles:
Mary and Bill Hammond, Abbie and Jerry Allen, Vinson Allen

Mary Jane and Bill Wild

H. R. Ishler, M.D.; parents H.H. Ishler; brother Kenneth Harold

Mary Jane Ishler

Kay's parents and Vaughn's father

Vaughn and Kay Shirk

My husband Bill

Martha Thompson

Loved Ones

Ruth Marie Frank

Bernard G. Hoy

Arlene Hoy

Loved Ones

Clinton and Marcia Hegeman

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Asendorf and Betty's parents

Donald Asendorf Family

Our Families

Larry and Lois Bair

Lisa Cole

Jean Cole

Charles Pletcher

Clara Pletcher

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In celebration of...

given by

Marcia Hegeman and the Faith UCC "Caring Team" for your love,
care and friendship to us all

Rev. Diane Prosser and Thomas Juhnke

Rena Olsen Campbell, Lilla May Consley, Dorothy Consley Campbell,

J. Louis Campbell, III

Our Families

Kees and Susan Brandse

Faith UCC!

Paul and Rhea Hallacher

Family!

Cecil and June Irvin

In honor of...

given by

Steven's parents' Ted and Daisy Romig and Brent's mother Ruth "Sue" Frank

Brent Frank and Steven Romig

The Choir

Jean Cole

Vaughn's mother, celebrating 87 years

Vaughn and Kay Shirk

Clinton and Marcia Hegeman

John and Marilyn Nicely

Our parents, Alva and Barbara Chellmen, and Dick and Patty Carr

Alison and Davin Carr-Chellmen

Loved Ones

Ruth Marie Frank

Our Children

Clinton and Marcia Hegeman

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Larry and Lois Bair