



April 4, 2024

WORSHIP

with us

**Join Us In-Person or
Livestream**

**OCUM Church starting at
10:00a.m.**

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

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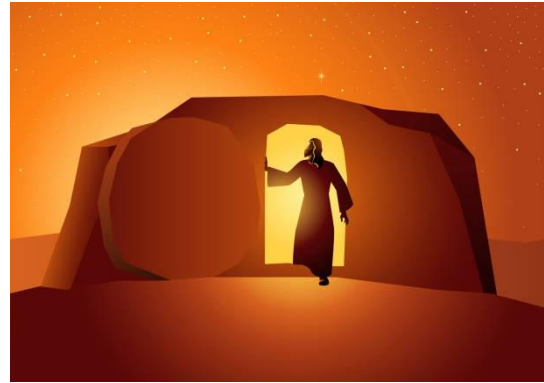
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He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

It was wonderful to be able to worship with my faith friends and family this past Easter Resurrection Sunday! It's always a joy to sing praises, lift prayers, and celebrate the faith we have in our Risen Lord. This Easter was no different as we brought the light of Christ back into the worship space after it was extinguished with the observance of Good Friday.



This idea of the return of the light, is in fact, a centering idea of Easter and the Resurrection. In the Gospel According to John, Christ is the Light of the World. In the evangelist's telling of the life of Jesus, Jesus just keeps getting brighter (metaphorically). No one can hide from that brightness. Jesus' light becomes so bright, cultures from outside of Judah are attracted to it.

Then suddenly, it is snuffed out... Or so those in power thought.

Jesus' light is no ordinary light. It is the Light of Life. It is a light whose source is in the eternal flame of God's love. It is the Light of all Hope for a better world in a realized kin-dom. It is a light that, no matter how often it is seemingly extinguished, will always reignite and shine brighter.

This is the definition of living into a Resurrection life. We always keep that flame of love and hope burning. When we see it dimming or even going out in the hearts of the people around us, we act. As Christ followers, we move in body to stoke the flames within each other's hearts so as to live the message of the Gospel.

Through this Easter Season, we'll be looking at stories in Scripture that speak to this living in the light. It's a movement from the *Resurrection to the Kin-dom*. We'll look at Thomas and the light of Christ being rekindled from doubt. We'll look at the disciples' faith and hope rekindled through a simple request for food. We'll listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd so our hope might be relit amongst the voices of strife and division. We'll hear the Good News again and again.

Yet, this retelling of the stories of faith, and rekindling of hope does not come through just words and worship. We too are called to be light; fire ignited by the Light of Christ, to go forward and spread the hope of Jesus' truth among the community. That is a message best preached with less words and more action. So, we will also be looking at the ways we as followers of Christ walk the walk as well as pray the prayers.

I look forward to this Easter Season with you, walking in the Resurrection Light of Christ!

In faithful service,

Pastor Tom

Upcoming EVENTS

Finance Team Meeting
Monday, April 8 @ 10:00am

Care Team Meeting
Tuesday, April 9 @ 2:00pm

Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:00pm

Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 12 @ 1:00pm

Brunch Goodies
Sunday, April 14 @ 11:00am

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, April 14 @ 11:15am

**Willamette Falls Symphony
Concert**
Sunday, April 21 @ 3:00pm

Potluck & Bingo Night!
Friday, April 26 @ 6:00pm



SALTENBERGER, ANGELA	04/04
FOURIER, MARVIN	04/13
RICE, ZACH	04/19
PALMER, RILEY	04/20



Wednesday Night Dinner Come for a Luau!

April 10 @ 6:00pm



Prepared by John & Susan Ronfeld
Proceeds go to the OCUMC Tech Fund

Now Hiring

Church Custodian

Oregon City United Methodist Church seeks custodian to perform routine janitorial services.



The successful candidates must be able to pass a background check, have a demonstrated ability to work on their own, complete tasks as assigned in a timely manner.

Contact Pastor Tom for more information and a job description.
ocumcpastor@gmail.com

Our Weekly Giving Moment

"They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." — Acts 4:35, NRSVUE

The Rev. Calvin Hill is Navajo and the senior pastor of Blackfeet United Methodist Parish in Browning, Montana. Hill mourns the loss of language and culture, yet he continues to feel called to ministry in The United Methodist Church. Part of his ministry is to educate visiting mission teams about the realities faced by Indigenous peoples. This labor of love is a generous gift from Hill and just one of many ways that Indigenous people are part of the diverse United Methodist heritage.

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to worship and serve Jesus through honoring the Native American cultural traditions. Like the early Christians, we bring what we have together so that it can be "distributed to each as any had need." Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

BINGO

and

Potluck Night!

Friday, April 26

6:00 p.m.

Entry Fee:

Bring a new or gently used item
for the BINGO Prize Table.

**Winners choose prizes from
the BINGO prize table.**

We'll provide drinks, bring a
potluck dish to share if you like!

