



**Stokesdale United Methodist Church**



**Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024**



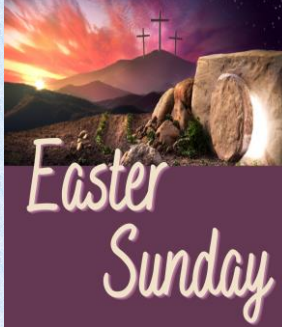
**Welcome! & Announcements**

**Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney**

**We Gather for Worship!  
We are reflecting God's love  
at the heart of the community!**

**Choral  
Call to Worship**

***"Christ Is Alive"***





**Greeting**

The tomb is dark, but empty  
The one you are looking for has  
overcome the darkness  
The stone has been rolled away  
The one you are looking for has  
overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside  
The one you are looking for is alive!  
Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen Indeed!  
Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Written by Rev. Mindi

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

**"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

<sup>1</sup> Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

<sup>2</sup> Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

<sup>3</sup> Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave?  
 Alleluia!

<sup>4</sup> Soar we now where Christ has led,  
 Alleluia!  
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
 Alleluia!

**\*The Nicene Creed** 880 UMH

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,

begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven,  
     was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
     and the Virgin Mary  
     and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified  
     under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
     On the third day he rose again  
     in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
     and is seated at the right hand  
     of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
     to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
     the Lord, the giver of life,  
     who proceeds from the Father  
     and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son  
     is worshiped and glorified,  
     who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic  
     and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism  
     for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.

### ***\*Gloria Patri***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
     and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
     is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end.  
 Amen. Amen.



## ***Children's Sermon***

**Anna Smith**



## **Epistle Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,**

**<sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.**

**<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,**

**<sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.**

**<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.**

**<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.<sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.**





## Choral Anthem



***"That's Why We Praise Him"***



## Gospel Lesson

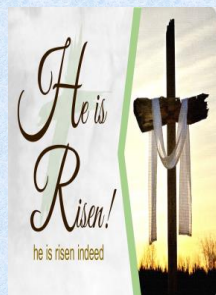
**Mark 16:1-8**

**<sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.**

**<sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.**

**<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.**

**<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**



## Sermon

**"Don't be alarmed!  
Look! Go! Tell!"**

**Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney**



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## **\*Hymn of Response**

***"Up from the Grave He Arose"***

<sup>1</sup> Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord!

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!

<sup>2</sup> Vainly they watch his bed,  
Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord!

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!

<sup>3</sup> Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!

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!



**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.

Forgive us our trespasses as we  
 forgive those who trespass against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory forever.  
 Amen.



## Piano Offertory

### *"Holy City"*

Beth Southard

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

- Mail your check to the church at:  
PO Box 38  
Stokesdale, NC 27357
- Give on-line at:  
[www.stokesdaleumc.org](http://www.stokesdaleumc.org)
- Drop your check at the church office
- Create bill pay with your bank

## *\*Doxology* 94 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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## *\*Hymn of Faith*

### *"He Lives"*

<sup>1</sup> I serve a risen Savior,  
he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him,  
he's always near.

He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.



<sup>2</sup> In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through  
all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing  
will come at last.

He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.

<sup>3</sup> Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find;  
None other is so loving,  
so good and kind.

He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.



### ***Dismissal with Blessing***

*Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor  
Jeff Fink, Music Director  
Beth Southard, Music Assistant  
Robin Howerton, Handbell Director  
Sarah McKinney, Youth Director  
Linda Curtis, Interim Office Manager*

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***Thanks for  
worshiping with us!***

***See you next week!***

