

**Oakwood & Hebron United Methodist
Churches Virtual Service
April 4, 2021**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 302
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Offerings can be made online through our website -
ohumc.weebly.com - or mailed to the church.

PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the "Alleluia!" morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Worldwide Virtual Easter Choir – "Thine Be the Glory"

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SECOND HYMN

UMH 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8 (CEB)

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.^[a] He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. ⁷Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.^[b]SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:5-11 (CEB)

SERMON

Pastor Jess LeCrone

"The Ragman"

COMMUNION LITURGY

THIRD HYMN

UMH 364

"Because He Lives"

BENEDICTION

We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy.

We have been transformed by new life.

Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Amen.