



WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 4, 2021

PRELUDE
(11:00 AM Only)

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”
“Tis the Spring of Saints Today”
“Rejoice! He is Risen”
“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

Barnby
Williamson
Moklebust
Darwall

PRELUDE (8:00 AM Only)

“Resurrection Medley”

Stoddard

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (11:00 am only)

“The Lord is Risen”

Williams and Barrett

HYMN No. 302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Near the Cross

(Remain Seated)

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!

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!

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!

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His faithful love last forever.

People: **Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: “The Lord’s strong hand is victorious!”

People: **Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: I won’t die—no, I will live and declare what the Lord has done.

People: **Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!
This happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

People: **Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord acted;

People: **We will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, this is a great day; the day of your creating and saving work through the resurrection of Jesus Christ! By faith we too have died with Christ and have been raised with Christ so that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us. So we have come to celebrate Your life, declare Your praise, and glorify Your name, through Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

ANTHEM

**“Worthy is the Lamb”
(11:00 am only)**

Pepper Choplin

**“Behold the Risen Savior”
(8:00 AM Only)**

Larson

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

***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, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

ANTHEM

**‘See, what a Morning’
(8:00 AM Only)**

Greer

SCRIPTURE

“John 20:1-18”

MESSAGE

“I Have Seen . . . I Will Follow” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

HYMN No. 304 (Remain Seated)

“Easter People Raise Your Voices” Regent Square

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring, Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel

Tradition has it that as “The Messiah” was first performed in London in the year 1743, when the chorus came to the phrase “For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,” King George II and the audience were so moved with reverence that they stood in respect and remained standing until the chorus had ended. As such it has become a tradition in the English speaking world to stand for the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus.” The appropriate response at the conclusion of this work is reverent silence. We thank you in advance for your understanding and participation of this tradition.

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(11:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE (11:00 AM)

“The Rejoicing”

Handel

POSTLUDE (8:00 AM)

“Ode to Joy”

MUSIC TODAY at the 11 am service is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, pianist Nettie Swart, trumpeter Mikki Gifford, percussionist David Dorn, the Chancel Choir, and the Epworth Handbell Ringers.

The Madrigals and pianist Michelle Sandberg provided music at the 8 am service.

ANYONE WHO WOULD like to join the Chancel Choir to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” is welcome to come to the front of the church during the last hymn. Copies of The Messiah are available at the end of each altar rail.

ACOLYTES today are Attie and Grady Corey.

LITURGIST today is Tawni Betts.

GREETERS are Mark Nelson at 8:00 AM

Jon Swart & Rebekah Swart Front Door at 11:00 AM

Mark Nelson SS Door at 11:00 AM

USHER 11:00 AM—Team 4

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the door.

Friday Senior Lunch

Starting April 9, 2021

Noon

At the First United Methodist Church
200 Market Street, Warren, PA

Cost is by donation
NO Pre-registration required

Please use the entrance off the parking lot on Watson Place
For more information, please contact the church office at 814-723-4930

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

April 4, 2021 – April 10, 2021

SUNDAY	Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Chapel 11:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary <u>NO</u> Combined UMYF— <i>Happy Easter!</i>
MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group for Adults: FH
TUESDAY	<u>NO</u> Creative Preschool, 3/4 year old class 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM Office Hours <u>NO</u> Creative Preschool, Pre-K 1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Covert Room 2:00 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary 6:30 Epworth Handbells; Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	8:25 AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool, 3/4 year old class 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM Office Hours 8:45 AM Creative Preschool Pre-K 8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
THURSDAY	8:25 AM - 11:15 AM Creative Preschool, 3/4 year old class 8:30 AM- 12:00 Office Hours 8:45 AM Creative Preschool, Pre-K 5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
FRIDAY	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours

John & Christine Zimmerman

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This month our adventure begins with you all! We will be arriving at Whispering Winds Campground on April 9th and excited for ALL that the Lord has in store for us in the coming months.

Our name "About Face" describes the heart of the ministry in two ways. It borrows from the military term of taking an "about face" and applying it to the local congregation. As we come into church, God calls us to do an about face and get out into the world. It also relates to the highly relational face-to-face emphasis we promote.

We will work within the church through preaching a sermon series, leading Bible studies and small groups, mentoring core missional leaders, and immersing the whole church with a heart for outreach.

We will also build relationships with community leaders, institutions, agencies, and social services; building bridges between the church and community to allow God to unfold opportunities for ministry outside the walls of the church. Our emphasis is on relational development rather than emergency relief ministry.

We will be sharing with the whole congregation during Sunday morning worship starting April 11th with a four-week sermon series that will challenge you in living out the Greatest Commandment. We will also be teaching the Adult Sunday School at 9:30am based on the book, *The Hole in Our Gospel*. We will be challenged with questions such as: Is our faith only about going to church, studying the Bible, and avoiding the most serious sins? Or does God expect more? Have we embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it? The whole gospel was always meant to be a world-changing social and eternal revolution, a revolution that begins with each one of us and ripples out even to the city of Warren and surrounding area.

Also, beginning Wednesday, April 21st, we will lead the Wednesday Studies based upon the book, *When Helping Hurts -How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself*. We will learn about brokenness in the world, our community, and our very own selves; and God's restoration and healing for ALL that are poor in spirit. This gathering will meet for six to eight weeks in the Covert Room and offered at both 10:30am and 6:30pm. Choose your best time as all are welcome! (You are not required to have either of the books, however, they will enhance your growth. We will have copies of both books for sale when we get there.)

As we start the journey, we are reminded of the scripture in Proverbs 16:9, "*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*" It is exciting to know that even though we have plans, God is in control of the adventure!

Blessings,

 

John & Christine Zimmerman

April 11, 2021 ~ John Zimmerman will be preaching ~

Title: "Eyes of Destiny" Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Description: We will see that God is able to look beyond our shortcomings and see and believe in us for the reasons we have been created.

April 18, 2021 ~ Christine Zimmerman will be preaching ~

Title: "A Teachable Moment" Scripture: Acts 10:25 -26

Description: God moves us out of our comfort zone to connect with others we might not normally connect with. He teaches us that there are no barriers that should separate us.

April 25, 2021 ~ John Zimmerman will be preaching ~

Title: "Common Ground" Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Description: The one things we all hold in common is that we are broken people in need of a Savior. Understanding this common ground of brokenness helps us relate to one another as we walk with one another into a relationship with Jesus.

May 2, 2021 ~ Christine Zimmerman preaching ~

Title: "Heavenly Minded and Earthly Good" Scripture: John 6:26-27

Description: The importance of eternal treasures over earthly treasures is highlighted. How are we spending our earthly time?

**Come One Come All
to a “picnic” lunch following the
11:00 AM Worship
Next Sunday April 11, 2021!**

**Meet John and Christine
Zimmerman and enjoy
a hot dog and sides.**

**If weather cooperates, we will
meet on the side yard; otherwise,
we will be in Founders Hall**

