

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE Judy Schetler

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James Murray

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor James Murray

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life  
**this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.**

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us;  
**and truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN *Christ is Risen* UMH 307

OPENING PRAYER (pray together) Michele Hogan

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again; your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin; your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* UMH 718

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jalyn Sunshine

ANTHEM *Christus Resurrexit* arr. Young Sanctuary Choir

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Michele Hogan

**God who encounters us and meets us in our fear, breathe into us the illuminating presence of your Holy Spirit, that, as your Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear what you have to say to us. Amen.**

PSALTER READING Psalm 133 Led by Michele Hogan UMH 850

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

Marsha Danser

THE MESSAGE

*A New Creation*

Pastor James Murray

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Marsha Danser

God of power and majesty:

With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from death's destruction. We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life. Especially we pray:

**for all victories over sin and evil in our lives**

**for loyalty and love of friends and family**

**for the newborn, the newly baptized, and those now in your eternal home**

**for the renewal of nature**

**for the continuing witness of the church of Christ.**

God of eternity:

You are present with us because of Christ's rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.

Especially we pray:

**for nations and peoples in strife**

**for the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad**

**for those we know in particular circumstances of distress**

**for the diseased and the dying**

**for all who follow the risen Christ.**

Now let us pray for those dear to our hearts. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer. Amen.**

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

UMH 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH 462

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

UMH 15

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*BREAKING THE BREAD

\*GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

**WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

\*HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor James Murray

Peace be with you!

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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**The Communion Offering for April is designated for the Camden Neighborhood Center.**



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Cindy Kenneally, Tom & Linda McElwain, Angie Gallagher, Midge Smith, Donna Kipp and her family; Dorothy and Tim Hansen, Donna Adams

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

The Worship Committee will meet after church next Sunday, April 14, for a brief meeting.

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There is no United Women in Faith meeting this Tuesday (it was listed erroneously in *The Beacon*). There is, however, a Leadership Development for UWF Central District (open to all women, not just officers) at Epworth UMC in Palmyra on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM – 12Noon. Please let Betsy Grover or Faye Habingreither know if you're interested in attending so that they can RSVP with the number of women coming from Broad Street UMC.

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The Work Day Committee will meet Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30AM in Lucas Hall. See Marsha if you are able to help.

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We have open dates for flower and bulletin dedications. Please see Jean Tomer if you'd like to sponsor one or both. If you have received a letter asking if you want to repeat your dedication from last year, please be sure to return that to the church office with your response at least two weeks before the date so we have time to get it in the bulletin or find a replacement.