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 - Organist Brian Peters
 - Lead Pastor Rev. Howard T. Woodruff
 - Intergenerational Pastor Shane Landherr
 - Soloist Hilary Woodruff
 - AV Ministries Shawn Kopp
 - Nursery Staff Darria Dixon and Lindsey Knepp
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 - Bell Choir Director Susan Park
 - Music Assistant Aden Wertz IV
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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church



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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church Easter Sunrise Worship Bulletin



Happy Easter!

April 12, 2009

The Easter Sunrise service has always served as the bridge between the darkness of death (and the evening) and the new life encountered in today's resurrection narrative (and the coming of day). Today we listen as God makes everything new, and calls us each by name to be part of His triumph over death.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register found at the end of your pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we ask that you provide us with your name and mailing address on the attendance register or that you complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate during our morning offering. We also cordially invite you to return and, if you are searching for a church home, we invite you to consider making us a part of your new church family.

To enhance your worship experience with us, we want you to know that we have audio enhancement equipment available, just ask our Sound System Attendants. If you desire a large print bulletin or hymnal, please request one from one of our Worship Attendants. If you have young children, we have a fully staffed nursery (located to the right of the Family Life Center just beyond the doors of the Sanctuary) and we have "Children's Pew Packs" located on the tree rack in the Narthex. Also, the places in the bulletin marked by an asterisk (*) indicate that you should stand, if so able. **The bold blue print such as this indicates those areas in which you should join with your voice.**

May God bless us as we worship together in His Holy Temple.

You're invited to...



immediately following
the conclusion of
this Sunrise Experience.

The breakfast will be held in our
Family Life Center
directly adjacent
to our Sanctuary.

We thank the United Methodist's

OUR OFFERING

If you are visiting with us, please consider yourself our guest. Please feel no obligation to give money to the church. Freely enjoy this service allowing God's Spirit and His Word to minister to your heart. However, if you are considering making this your new church home, scripture teaches us that the responsibility to support the ministries of this church are ours. Tithes and offerings are given as an act of worship unto the LORD.

(Proverbs 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

The Collection

Offertory "Were You There"

The Presentation

*Offertory Prayer

THE SHARING OF THE EUCHARIST

We Serve

*CLOSING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" # 302

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BIDING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #664, v.1

GOING FORTH

The Service of Light

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING PRAYER

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

PROCESSION SONG "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. *When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

2. *The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness
fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus
Christ be praised!*

3. *Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

4. *Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Je-
sus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through all
the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

The Service of The Word

INTRODUCTION

THE WORDS

The Creation

Scripture: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*
Hymn *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* #117
Prayer

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Scripture: *Exodus 14:10-31*
Prayer

A New Heart and A New Spirit

Scripture: *Ezekiel 36:24-28*
Hymn *"Spirit of the Living God"* #393
Prayer

*The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 16:1-8*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Will Rise"*

When invited to do so, the congregation will join in singing these words...

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
(repeat)**

SERMON *"Today, God has called your name"*

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

During this time, we lift up our concerns for the needs of our church and community and express our praises for the many ways in which God has blessed us this past week. Please feel free to openly share your concerns and praises when the worship leader invites you to do so. Open your heart and give those concerns over to the Lord.

Prayer List

*To start the prayer chain call Barb Gotwalt @ 238-9583
(If you're unable to contact Barb,
please call Phyllis Dreibelbis @ 238-3610)*

*Paul Martin; Judi Yohn; Chris Dammeyer;
Jane Novak; Barbara Boal; Jim Whitfield
Bryce & Sandy Dieterle; Judy Poponak;
Jane Baughman; Kay Partenheimer;
Dave Partenheimer; Larry Partenheimer;*

*If you desire to send a card to any of these people please take a Prayer List from the table at the rear of the Sanctuary that includes their address. **Please call the office with updates** on your prayer needs and/or requests so the information (in the bulletin) is current. If you are going to the hospital or know of one of our members who is, please contact the church office. If there is someone who is in need of support from the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Gotwalt or make a note on the Prayer Request card found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate.*

Following the pastoral prayer, you will be invited to join us as we pray

The Lord's Prayer:

***"Our Father, who is in heaven,
Holy is Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen."***