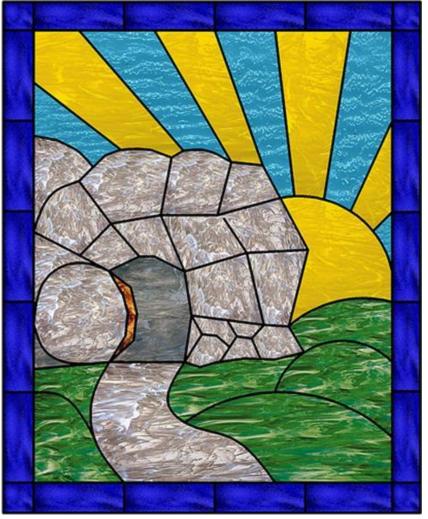
He Lives



Easter Sunrise Service Hoover's Cemetery



Sunday, April 9, 2023 6:30 AM

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Sunday, April 9, 2023 Hoover's Cemetery, Starview, PA

Immediately after the worship service, you are warmly invited to Starview United Church of Christ (4832 N. Sherman St. Ext., Mount Wolf) for a breakfast of hot egg and potato casseroles and oatmeal, donuts, muffins, cereal with milk, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice.

A SILENT GATHERING

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Living God, this morning begins in darkness, the day dawns in quiet. Come,

God, arise! Bring forth the sun from its slumber, and Jesus from the grave. Break forth the Holy Light of the World! Greet us on this morning of mystery

and triumph. In resurrection hope, we pray. Amen.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD BREAKS FORTH

The Christ candle is lit symbolizing Jesus, the Light of the World, who on that first resurrection morning, conquered sin and death by rising to new life, in a perfect victory over the grave. After the Christ Candle is lit, each per gathered will light their candle, sharing the Good News with those directly around them: "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" to which will come the response: "He is Risen indeed! Alleluia."

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GOOD NEWS LITANY

Pastor: Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place in the same way that it was, in

the cemetery garden, on that first Resurrection morning. This is the good news:

Christ's continues to come to us; his presence shining in the darkness.

People: The darkness will never overcome the light of Christ's presence.

Pastor: This is the good news – the grave is empty!

Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN We Are Standing on Holy Ground (2 times) Bulletin Insert

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

A SERMON & PRAYER

Rev. Laura C. Baker

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: By the power of God, Christ was raised from death to life.

People: Through his victory over the grave, we too are set

free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death.

Pastor: Go forth in joy to love and serve the Risen Lord in all you say and do.

People: We go in the name of the Risen Christ.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All: AMEN!

Let us rejoice and sing together, the following, as we walk to our vehicles or homes,

CHORAL BENEDICTION *He Lives!* (Refrain, only)

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.

POSTLUDE He Lives!

Please come and gather in the warmth, around the tables, at Starview United Church of Christ (4832 N. Sherman St. Ext., Mount Wolf) for a hot breakfast of egg and potato casseroles and oatmeal, donuts, muffins, cereal with milk, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice.



Surely the Presence (of the Lord Is in This Place)



