

# September 25, 2022

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"The Strife is O'er" Giovanni da Palestrina/Norman Johnson  
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner  
Introit Chancel Choir  
"Come, Thou Almighty King" Felice de Giardini/Jerry R. Kirk

\*\*Call to Worship

L: God calls us from the valley of dry bones. Come, listen for a word from our God.

**P: We hear God calling us in a far distant voice. We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

L: The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones. God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**P: Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers. Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

L: Christ came as a light to all the world. Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**A: We hear the teacher calling for us. Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (v.1-4) UMH#383

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of steadfast love, bring new life to this community of your people. We are eager to hear your voice and be filled with your Spirit. Come from the four winds, O Breath, and bring vitality and purpose to our gathering, that we might be energized and encouraged. Hear our voices, lifted in praise and crying out from our need. Be attentive to our supplications, lest we die apart from you. Only you can unbind us and set us free. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH#707

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart  
Offertory "He Lives" Alfred H. Ackley

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Lift us up, O God, from the graves of our self-interest as we invest ourselves in sharing the good news with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the resurrection Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow where God leads. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Lesson John 11: 17-27

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir  
"Lord, Here Am I" John Ness Beck

Sermon "I Am: Resurrection and Life" Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn "Lord of the Dance" UMH #261

\*\*Sending Forth

\*\*Choral Benediction Chancel Choir  
"Seven Fold Amen" Norman Ramsey/Walter Rodby

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. by Bill Wolaver



*Altar Flowers are given by Doug and Julie Wickline in honor of their daughter and son-in-law, Lauren & Simon Kjersten's 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

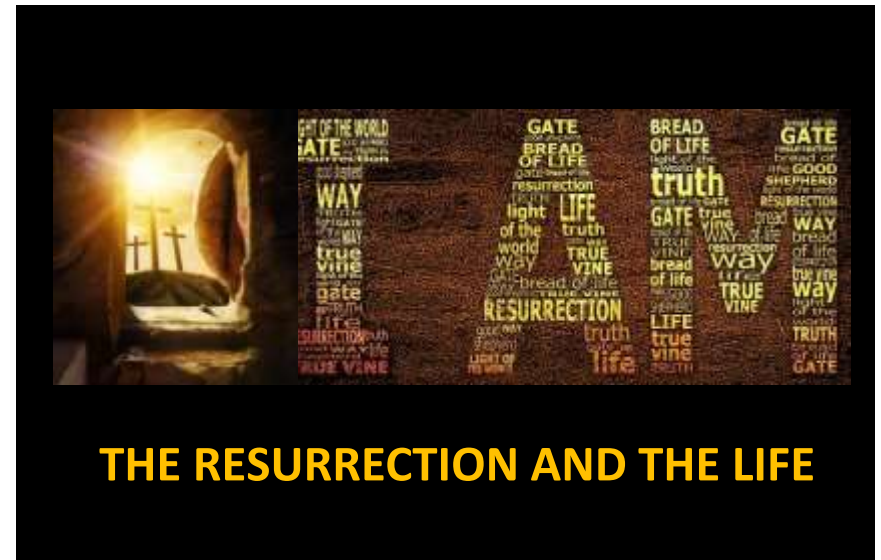
# Scripture Lesson – John 11: 17-27

## I Am the Resurrection and the Life

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Acolytes	Luke Mossing, Logan Fleming
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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