

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY — 8:00 AND 9:30AM SERVICES

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Easter Service—Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information

**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music

“Because He Lives”

by William J. and Gloria Gaither: arr. by Cindy Berry

Ringing of the Easter Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Prelude

“Majesty”

The Wesleyan Bell Choir

by Jack W. Hayford; arr. by Peggy Bettcher

dir. by Marilyn Harter

***Call to Worship**

(8:00) Nate Pearce (9:30) Eric Butler

Leader: The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all
darkness and doubt.

**People: All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of
pain and death.**

Leader: The Lord has risen; he’s no longer among the dead.

People: He lives. The Lord has risen!

Leader: Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

**All: Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with
joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.**

***Opening Hymn and Processional “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 1-4 #302**

UM Hymnal #302 WORDS: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708

***Opening Prayer**

How awesome are your ways, O God! With thanksgiving, we offer praise for the work you brought in Christ. In gladness, we thank you for hiding us deeply into his sacred life. We bless you for raising us in and with Jesus Christ, giving us the power to proclaim with Mary Magdalene, the Risen One, not only with our voices, but with our lives. In Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.

Anthem

“Christ is Alive”
arranged by Hal Hopson

The Chancel Choir

***Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

***Gloria Patri (sung in Unison) “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #70**

Message

Pastor Rick

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Song of Response (8:00) “Because He Lives” vs. 1 #364

UM Hymnal #186 WORDS and MUSIC: Jerry Sinclair

(9:30) “Because He Lives (Amen)”

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Chris Tomlin | Daniel Carson | Ed Cash | Gloria Gaither | Jason Ingram | Matt Maher | William J. Gaither

Offering

Offering Music “I Speak Jesus”

by Dustin Smith, Abby Benton, Carlene Prince, Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, Raina Prat

***Doxology “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” by Thomas Ken #95**

***Offering Prayer**

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, “He is not here, he is risen!” May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Music (8:00) “He Lives” vs. 1-3 #310**

UM Hymnal #310 WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley

(9:30) “Glorious Day”

Jason Ingram | Jonathan Smith | Kristian Stanfill | Sean Curran © 2017 KPS 1.0 (Capitol CMG) et al.

Blessing

Postlude

“Thine Is the Glory”

by Edmond Louis Budry and George Frideric Handel © 2010 by Hal Leonard Corporation

Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

MARTY PROVINCE, guest conductor

MIDORI HALL, violin LINDA MARTELL, handbells TIM RYAN, percussion

CHARLES SPECHT, trombone PAM TURNER, violin PAM STRESSMAN, handbells

RANDY VAN DER POL, trumpet

FirstKidz and Resurrection Episcopal Church Present

Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome!  10:30 am April 9

Everyone is invited to a combined Easter Egg Hunt!
The entire family can gather eggs filled with
Easter blessings and surprises!

Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday All are Welcome!

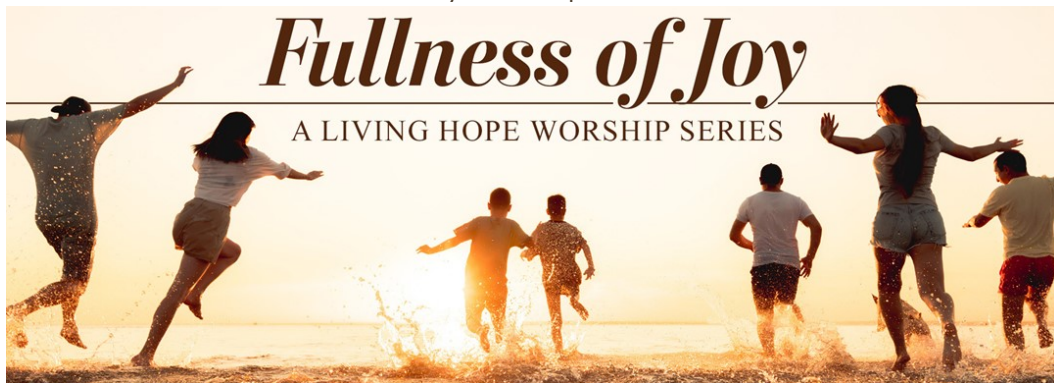
BSA Scouting is hosting Easter Breakfast
on Sunday, April 9 from 7 -11am in the Activity Center

All families and friends are welcome – you don't have
to be a member of the Church or Scouting unit.

Donations are accepted and help Scouts attend
Summer Camp and purchase camping equipment for
Troops 88 and 3088.

Join us next week for Sunday worship!

John 20:19-31



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