

†Call To Worship *adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*  
People of God, we are witnesses to these things:  
that Christ died, hanging on a cross,  
that God raised him from the dead on the third day,  
that he is coming again in glory to reign.  
This is the good news we proclaim in all the world:  
Jesus Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302 v. 1-4

†Opening Prayer *from Abingdon Worship Annual, 2025*  
God of life and love,  
we are eager to hear the good news of new life.  
Enter our lives and cast our fears aside.  
Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy.  
We are ready to celebrate and give thanks  
for your transforming love.  
We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day!  
Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Message for Young Disciples

†Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia* UMH 162

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Message *Remember* Rev. Faith M. Weedling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881  
†Response *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 70

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings and Commitments to God  
Offertory  
Chancel Choir Anthem *Because He Lives* arr. J. Schrader

†Doxology UMH 94

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Hymn *SENDING FORTH  
Thine Be the Glory* UMH 308

†Benediction

†Taking the Light into the World

†Postlude *Sing with All the Saints/Hallelujah* Beethoven/Handel

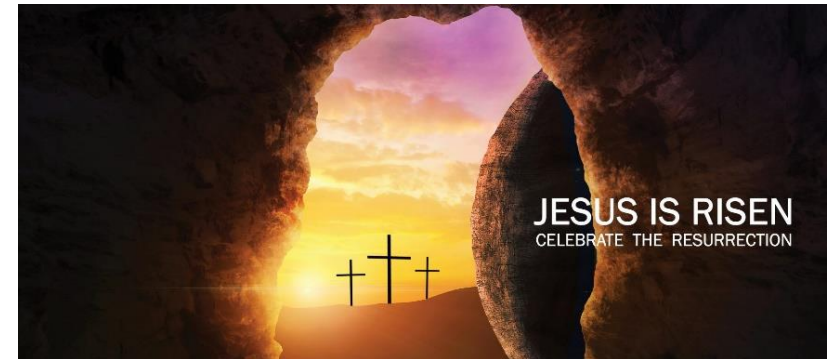
†Indicates standing interval if you are able

*We have equipment for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use this equipment,  
please see an usher*



Welcome to  
First United Methodist Church

***EASTER SERVICE***



---

**April 20, 2025**

**11:00 am**

---

*Christ is risen, bringing joy, hope, and the promise of new life.  
May this day be a celebration of God's abiding presence in our lives  
and in our world.*

***ENTRANCE AND PREPARATION***

**Pastor, Rev. Faith Weedling**  
**Director of Music, Jamie Eggleston, Ed.D.**  
**Organist, Becky Smith**  
**Chapel Pianist, Nolan Anthony**  
**Missions/Youth Director, Rev. Steve Weedling**  
**Business Manager, Karen Turney**  
146 East Main Street,  
Martinsville, Virginia 24112-2814  
Office: 276-638-8733 Fax: 276-638-8598  
email Address: [office@fumcmartinsville.net](mailto:office@fumcmartinsville.net)  
WEBSITE: [fumcmartinsville.net](http://fumcmartinsville.net)

Prelude	<i>Ode to Joy</i>	arr. C. Uehlein
Lighting of the Candles		
Ring the Disciples into Worship		
Words of Welcome		
†Greeting Our Neighbors		
†Gathering Song	<i>He Lives</i>	UMH 310 <i>refrain</i>