



**Milwood United Methodist**  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

**March 31, 2024**

# *Amazed*

*Easter Sunday 2024*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Connecting Through Christ: Learning. Serving. Witnessing. Worshiping.*

**HEARING DEVICES AT TECH BOOTH • NURSERY AVAILABLE ALL HOUR**

**\* please stand as able - UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - FWS = The Faith We Sing**

Prelude  
Classical Easter  
Michael Helman  
JuBELLation Adult Bell Choir

Easter Proclamation  
*Call and response led by pastor from the back.*  
Rev. Caleb Williams

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** (x3)  
Alleluia! **Alleluia!** (x3)

Entrance  
Festive Procession on “Easter Hymn”  
James F. Konkel  
*Please stand when the cross-bearer turns and faces the congregation.*

\*Hymn  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
UMH 302  
*Sing verses 1 through 4. There is an interlude before verse 4.*

\*Call to Worship  
Kevin West

\*Response  
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
UMH 94

Welcome

Children’s Time  
Draw the Circle Wide  
Adrienne Struck  
*No Kids Connect today - families are invited to remain together*

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Bells  
I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Kevin McChesney

Moment of Gratitude

Anthem  
To the Lamb on the Throne  
Dan Forrest  
*anthem given in memory of Joann R. Cotant*  
Chancel Choir, Brass, and Piano  
William Male and Chase Bethea, Trumpet  
Frankie Casucci and Alyson Johnson, Trombone  
Emily Voss, Horn

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Worthy the Lamb.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the

angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.  
God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great  
congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Worthy the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and  
blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb!

Scripture

John 20:1-18

NRSV Updated Edition

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Message

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Pastor Caleb Williams

\*Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices  
*brass enhancements by James F. Konkel*

UMH 304

\*Blessing

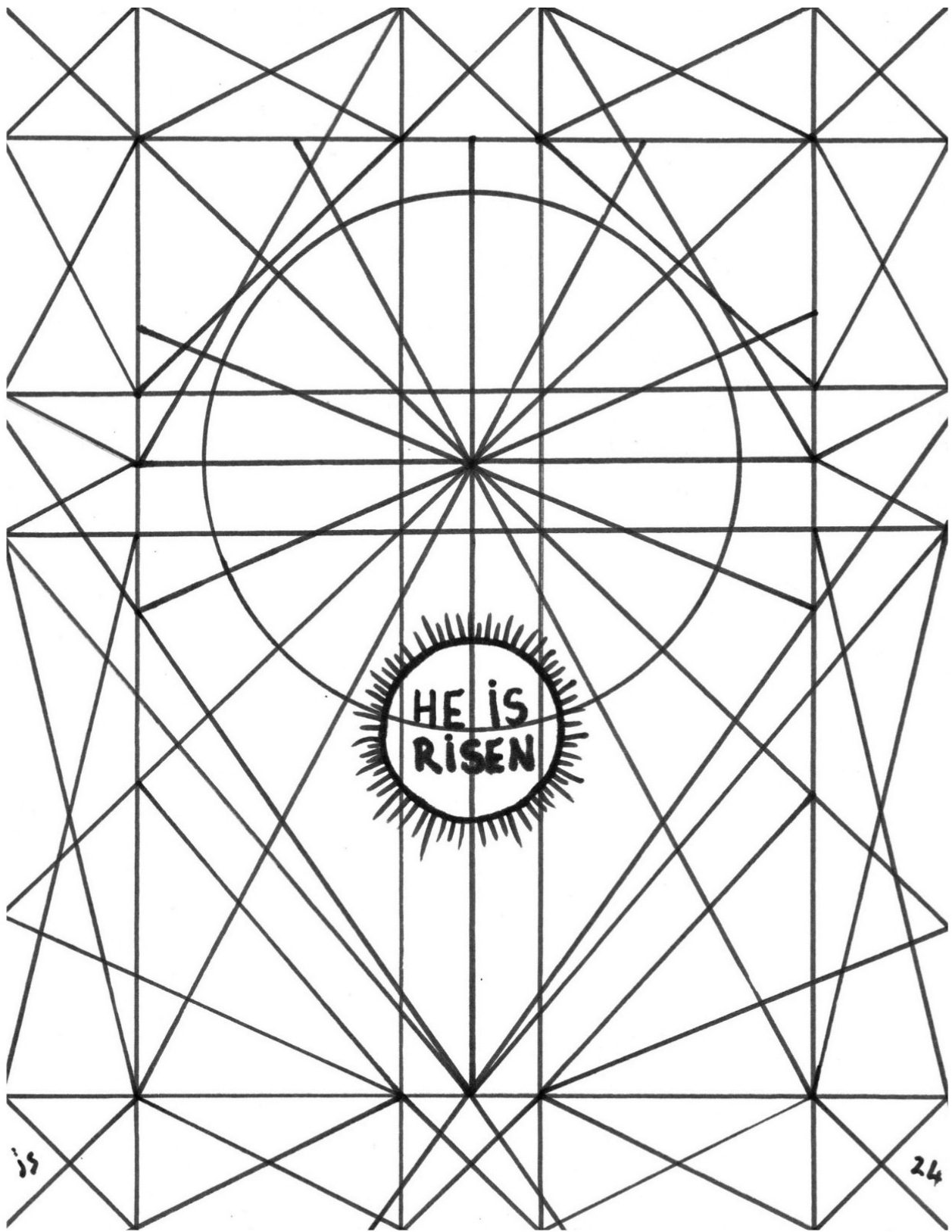
Postlude

Fanfare for Organ  
*arranged for organ and brass by Tré Bryant*

Gilbert M. Martin

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor | Kevin West, Liturgist | Grayson & Karoline Beverly, Acolytes  
George Beverly, Easter Bells | Adrienne Struck, Director of Family Ministries  
Darlene Sang, Director of Choirs | Jake Schott, Pianist | Carl Doubleday, Organist  
Gordon Brodhagen, Alex & Dave Gordon, A.V. Ministry | Rev. John Stuart, Coloring Page



*HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

*Color your own stained glass window!*

*Ask an usher for crayons if you need some*



# *Easter Lilies*

## *In memory of:*

Judy Scott Fair  
Joyce Bradshaw  
Sheila Stewart  
Louis Guminski  
Lawrence & Velnoe Hamman  
Katie Allen  
Our Parents  
Andy Rose  
Shirley Verbilis  
Fredric Sang  
Roland Eisenmann  
Hazel Birkel  
Rev. Tamera Williams  
Mel Visser

## *Given by:*

Cara Carman  
Stephanie Diep  
Stephanie Diep  
Bonnie Guminski  
Dave & Bev Hamman  
Her Milwood UMC Family  
Chuck & Marcia Luken  
Fred & Darlene Sang  
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Paulette Valles  
Caleb Williams  
Gloria Visser

## *In honor of:*

Darlene Sang & Our Choirs - given by Carl Doubleday  
Our kids and grandkids - given by Chuck & Marica Luken  
The Music Program at Milwood - given by Steve & Jan Schaefer  
The Staff at Bronson Commons - given by Steve & Jan Schaefer  
Nancy Terry - given by Mary Anne Summey  
Our Loved Ones - Ellen Vigants  
Our Savior, Jesus - given by Gary & Donna Willoughby

This year, our

# Easter Offering

will be divided evenly between the  
Milwood Community Food Pantry,  
and the Wesley Foundation of  
Kalamazoo Campus Ministries.

Each week the pantry at  
Milwood UMC serves  
between 250-300 people  
in the community!



## Serving in our Community

The Wesley Foundation  
offers a Christ-centered  
community that nourishes  
the mental, emotional, and  
spiritual growth of all  
people, with diverse  
programs at the very heart  
of Western Michigan  
University.



Place your offering in  
the envelope marked  
"Easter Offering," or  
scan here  
to give online!





ALL ABOUT PLANNED GIVING

# OUR FAITH Legacy

Is it your hope that Milwood UMC serve the community for years to come? Could making that happen be part of your faith legacy?

Join Rev. Dr. Sherry Parker-Lewis on Sunday, April 14 after worship to learn more about leaving a faith legacy through financial generosity.

Sherry, Sr. Director of Church Relations for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, will challenge us to consider our faith legacy.

Plan to learn about multiple ideas for planned giving, to both Milwood UMC and other charitable organizations.

## Growing & Connecting



 **Back by Popular Demand!**

## CHURCH BASEMENT SALE!

**Friday  
April 19th, 12-6pm**

**Saturday  
April 20th, 9am-2pm**

Milwood UMC 3919 Portage St

# What's Next?

## Mondays at One Well

Monday Nights | 7:00 pm | One Well Brewing

*Come share a good beverage and better conversation as you make new friends and reconnect with old ones!*



## OPEN DOORS

*Living our Values*

New Series coming this April

Office will be closed

*Easter Monday*

April 1st

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