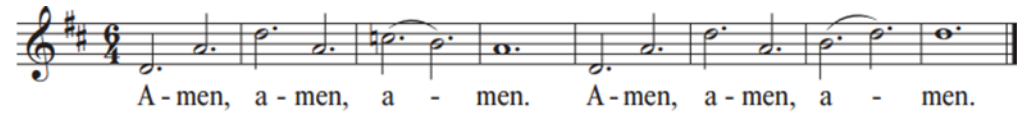


Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Hymns during Communion

The Day of Resurrection (verses 1 and 2)	UMH 303
Sing with All the Saints in Glory (verses 1 and 3)	UMH 702
In the Garden (verses 1 and 3)	UMH 314
He Lives (verses 1 and 3)	UMH 310
There's Something about That Name	UMH 171
Alleluia (verses 1-3)	UMH 186

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, in this bread and cup you have drawn us into the mystery of your life – a life that death could not contain.

We thank you for meeting us here, for nourishing us with your presence, and for opening our eyes to what you are doing among us.

As we go from this place, keep us attentive to your Spirit, and faithful to your calling, that we may live as people of your new creation; through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN **Crown Him with Many Crowns** (verses 1, 2, and 4) UMH 327

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia!** trad. Tanzanian;
arr. by Rachel Chapin

Ministering in the Service: Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – pianist; Chancel Choir;
Rev. Sarita Robinson - associate minister; Ben Hughes, Percussion; Brass - Adam Loudin and Tim DeWitt, trumpets;
Isaac Viars, trombone; B.J. Hoffman, bass trombone

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Louise Batman.
to the family of Robert Saffle.

EASTER
Blessings

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

APRIL 5, 2026 † 8:30 AM † 10:45 AM

He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

EASTER SUNDAY

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25"

We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES

Thine Is the Glory arr. by Michael Larkin
Jesus Christ is Risen Today (LLANFAIR) arr. by Anna Laura Page

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

INTROIT

Introit for Easter Joel Raney
This is the day of celebration, this is the day of goodness and light!
Earth and sky and all creation celebrate the wonder of life! Alleluia!
Christ is risen, sing hosanna, lift your voices to the sky.
Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen, he lives on high!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: The night is ending. The day is beginning. And the world stands on the edge of something new.

ALL: We come to seek the living God.

Reader: We come as we are – with burdens we carry and questions we cannot answer.

ALL: We come trusting that God is already at work.

Reader: So lift your hearts. Open your lives. Pay attention.

ALL: For God is about to do a new thing among us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to death on the cross. By his glorious resurrection, you have delivered us from the power of sin and death. As we celebrate this day with great joy, may your life-giving Spirit be at work among us so that we may encounter the Risen Christ in our midst. As we hear your Word proclaimed, give us ears to listen. As we gather around your Table, give us hearts to receive.

ALL: As we worship together, open our eyes to your new creation, and draw us into the new life you are bringing forth; through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, we pray. Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

CHORAL CALL TO PRAISE

An Easter Celebration

Craig Courtney

The congregation will be invited to stand and join the choir in singing.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*HYMN OF WORSHIP

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

(10:45 Children K-2nd Grade only may leave for Children's Church. Please meet with your leader in the back of the Sanctuary. Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

He Is Lord

UMH 177

MESSAGE

Earthquake!

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Because He Lives

UMH 364

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** "universal"

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org to check for regular updates.

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical notation for the doxology with lyrics: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Musical notation for the mystery of faith with lyrics: Verse We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.