

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN *He Lives* No. 310

† BENECTION

† POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel

*Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world.
Our service of worship has ended, let our worship through service begin.*

† Please stand as you are able

Participating in today's service:

Keith Lawson—Liturgist, Jennifer Amos—Piano & Hand Bell Choir
Director, Hand Bell Choir, Keith Bullin—Organ

Prayer Concerns

Judy Caudle and family, Glenn Mabe, Larry Mabe,
Jimmy Martin, Richard and Susan Murdoch, Linda Turner,

Birthdays

Randy Shelton—April 21

Sympathy to

The family and friends of Robin Hickman
The family and friends of Roland Lawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPRING SPIRIT—Four Sunday evenings of “**Rebirth, Renewal, Rekindling, and Revival.**” Beginning on Sunday, April 23. We will have four outstanding preachers and four different musical groups helping us continue in the spirit of Easter and spring rebirth. On April 23, the preacher will be **Rev. Tammy Ingram** from St. Stephens UMC in Madison, music will be by *New Salem*. On April 30 **Rev. Andy Lambert** from Mt. Tabor UMC in Winston-Salem will be preaching with music by *The Burning Bush Band*. May 7 will feature **Rev. Nathan Harris** from Brooks Temple UMC in Winston-Salem with music by *Rich in Tradition*. We will conclude this special series on May 14 with **Rev. Lowell McManey** from Crossroads UMC in Concord with music by *The Bluegrass Country Boys Band*. Don't miss this special series of meaningful worship and wonderful music. Please bring your neighbors and friends.

Pictorial Directory—Did you miss getting your picture taken for the upcoming directory? Make up pictures will be made on Sunday, April 30 between 12:30 and 5:30. See Judy Fain to schedule a time.

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Eastertide Adult Small Group Study—A Disciples Path, Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church—Six week study, begins on Wednesday, April 23. This study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The study is designed to guide group members in developing spiritual practices, their unique gifts, and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives, the lives of others, and the world.

Church Calendar

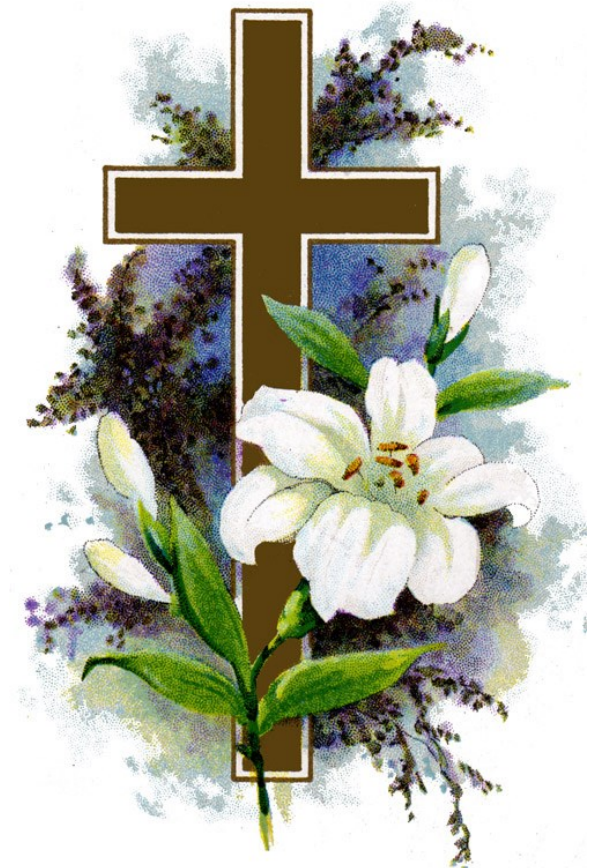
Wednesday, April 19	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 a.m.	UMM Transport food from Second Harvest Food Bank to Northern Stokes Food Pantry
	6:00—7:15 p.m.	Children's Church—Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, April 20	9:00—5:00	Northern Stokes Food Pantry open—Francisco Presbyterian Church, Francisco
Saturday, April 22	7:00—10:00 a.m.	Lawsonville Ruritan Community Breakfast, Lawsonville Community Building
Sunday, April 23	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Worship in the Day Room at Life Brite Hospital in Danbury
	6:30 p.m.	Concert by New Salem
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Spirit Service—Rev. Tammy Ingram Preaching
Wednesday, April 26	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Snacks—Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	The Disciples Path —Adult Small Group Study—Fellowship Hall, child care available
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sunday, April 30	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Worship in the Day Room at Life Brite Hospital in Danbury
	12:30—5:30 p.m.	Directory Picture Make-ups
	6:30 p.m.	Concert by Burning Bush Band
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Spirit Service—Rev. Andy Lambert Preaching



Automated External Defibrillator

In the event of an emergency, there is an AED located in the hallway behind the chancel area.

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,
TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

APRIL 16, 2017

REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
PASTOR

**SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Liturgical Color—White

Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME We welcome all who have gathered to worship this morning. We ask visitors to please complete a visitor card, located in the pew card holder, and drop it into the offering plate.

† **GREETING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

ENTRANCE

May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds to enter into worship as the Word of God and light of Christ come into the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* Spiritual

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *At The Cross* Hudson & Hewitt
arr. Berry U Van Valey

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist—Keith Lawson

(Leader) Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

(All) The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.

We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

The sun is rising in the east; the shadowed grays turn bright!

The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.

Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.

Now we can proclaim,

CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Christ the Lord Has Risen Today* No. 302

† **An Easter Litany of Confession**

Risen Lord, we have lived as if this life is all there is.

Show us that there is so much more.

We have been slow to believe the truth of your resurrection.

Reveal yourself to us in love and power.

We have carried on as if Easter had never happened.

Fill us with your Easter energy.

We have forgotten your victory over death.

Give us courage to live for you.

We have been trapped by our fears.

Let us hear your words of peace.

We have been paralyzed by our doubts.

Meet us in our questioning and help our unbelief.

We have come together without expecting you to encounter us.

Break into our closed hearts and change us.

We have silently accepted the slavery of the status quo.

Embolden us to work for the renewal of your world.

We have kept the news of your resurrection to ourselves.

Loosen our tongues to share the reason for our hope.

We have failed to trust in your ability to walk through locked doors.

Help us see what is possible in the power of your risen life.

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3: 1-4

Here ends the reading of the Epistle. Amen.

ANTHEM

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Elvey

arr. Angerman

SERMON

Easter Like You Mean It

Dr. Spicer

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Based on John 20: 1-18

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Lift High The Cross*

† **AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brian Miller

I believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

I believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and living in the human world; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

I believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

I believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world. Amen.

CONCERNS FOR OTHERS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* arr. McChesney

† **THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia. Alleluia!