

## **Oak Forest United Methodist Church Staff**

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*Sunday, April 9, 2023*

*6:30am*



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*Easter Sunday Sunrise Service*

*Please silence cell phones during this Worship Service*

PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

\*THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rev. Rick Carter

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! (3x)**

\*OPENING HYMN #365 “*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*” Vs. 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:16-20

MESSAGE “Where From Here”

Steve Joyce

Kimberly Hayes

\*RECESSIONAL TO THE CROSSES

\*LITANY OF EASTER PRAYER (responsively): Rev. Rick Carter

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine;  
what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen  
and walks among us.

Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world,  
asking God for renewal, responding, “Christ is risen indeed.”  
Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of  
Christ’s resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is  
risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may  
we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that  
Christ’s body may be one, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Honoring the gifts of Christ’s risen body may we rise to serve all  
those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves in the  
image of God; for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey  
from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to  
consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and  
sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is  
risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord  
God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and  
the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be  
God’s sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed!**

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for  
our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed! Amen!**

\*CONCLUDING HYMN “*He Lives*”

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he’s always near.

(Refrain)

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

\*PRAYER FOR BREAKFAST

*Breakfast will follow the Sunrise Service  
in the Family Life Center*

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**Easter Sunday Services**

9:00am	<i>Contemporary Service in FLC</i>
9:00am	<i>Adult Sunday School Class</i>
9:00am	<i>Children’s Sunday School Class</i>
10:30am	<i>Traditional Service in the Sanctuary</i>

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The Paschal Candle is lit only on Easter, the Great Fifty Days of Easter,  
Funerals/Memorial Services and baptisms. It is a symbol that Christ has  
passed over from death to life and we participate in his new life.

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