



*A New  
Creation*

**April 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton  
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)		Kathleen Meredith
As the birds come together across the morning skies, <b>gather, people of God!</b> As the wind whistles through the trees, <b>sing, people of God!</b> As the flowers turn toward the sun, <b>pray, people of God!</b> <b>May all that God has created praise God's name!</b>		
*HYMN	"He Lives"	UMH 310
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
<b>Resurrected Christ, you bring hope for all creation! The good news of resurrection is so irresistible that all the earth sings. We offer our praise and alleluias for the world-changing hope of new creation through Jesus! Alleluia! Amen!</b>		
ANTHEM	"In Christ Alone" Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

## Mark 16:1-15

16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.<sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb.<sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"<sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked,<sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body."<sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

<sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened. Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.

<sup>9</sup> After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. <sup>11</sup> But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

<sup>12</sup> Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. <sup>13</sup> They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

<sup>14</sup> Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

### Psalm 96:1-2,11-13

1 Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

2 Sing to the Lord; praise his name.

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

11 Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

12 Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!

Let the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the Lord, for he is coming!

He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice,

and the nations with his truth.

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

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SERMON      A New Creation: "Hope for All Creation"      Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION      (see insert)

OFFERTORY      Christie Spriggs

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\*DOXOLOGY      UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)      Kathleen Meredith

**God of resurrection, just as you raise flowers from the ground and nourish the birds and animals, you also raise us to new life and provide for us in our need. Accept our gifts today as one way we say thank you. Help us to use them to share your hope with our community and your whole creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN      "Up From the Grave He Arose"      UMH 322

\*BENEDICTION      Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE      Christie Spriggs

# This Week's Schedule

<b>Monday, April 15</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	<b>Deadline for May Newsletter 10-1 Manna House Prep/Serve 10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Leadership Mtg - Rev. Gina Yeske</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	<b>10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6:30 Leadership Team Mtg (zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday, April 18</b>	<b>10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 2 ABC Book Club (zoom)</b>
<b>Saturday, April 20</b>	<b>8-12:30 SCYO (HH) 9-2 Treasures of Hope</b>
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service 2 SCYO Concert (Sanctuary)</b>

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## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship  
Liturgist  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Christie Spriggs  
Kathleen Meredith  
Evelyn Cornwell  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison