



Winchester UMC

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Easter Sunday



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WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!*

Gathering

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *– 1 Peter 1:3*

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news— once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

* Praise Video

"Great Things"

Phil Wickham

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus

**Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In silence,
we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...**

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

*Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" (UMH #322)

Scripture John 20:1-18

Sermon "Resurrected"

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and

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.**

Offering

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn "He Lives" (UMH #310)

*Benediction

* Please stand if able

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Rosemary Peterson, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

Worship Online

Our Sunday worship services can be viewed online:

- Website: winchesterilumc.org/multimedia
- YouTube: youtube.com/@winchesterillinoisunitedme213
- Facebook: facebook.com/winchesterumc

Online Giving



“If you’d like to make an offering electronically, you’re welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we’re grateful for your presence in worship.”