

CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor A. J. Hillin

Organist Lynn Moore

April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Was It A Morning Like This?"

Cheryl Hillin

PRAISE HYMN: *Up From The Grave He Arose Verse 1* **UMH #322**

* WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is Risen

He is Risen indeed.

The King of glory is among us. He has burst forth from the tomb that would hold him.

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord of the stable and the cross, He is the King of Glory!

Who is the King of Glory?

Jesus, the Word made flesh, He is the King of Glory!

And we saw his glory.

Such glory as befits the Father's true Son,

Full of grace and truth.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Let the people shout: Hallelujah!

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Amen

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** *Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today* **UMH # 302**
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lord God – we gather in the name of the Risen Christ to pour forth our praises in glad Easter Celebration. We rejoice that you have not left us without hope – but have come back to us in the victory of the resurrection and given us the assurance of eternal life with Christ Jesus, the one whom you lifted from the tomb and have made Lord of all. Praise be to your name for your everlasting mercy – both now and forevermore. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION

Today as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ – and how his death gives us life – and his life means that we shall never die – we have before us the sign and symbol of his love for us – an empty cross. Now we are going

to transform that cross into one of the most enduring of all Easter symbols – by attaching our flowers to the cross. Let us stand and sing **Lift High the Cross, pg. 159**. As we do so, please enter the center aisle, under the direction of the ushers, and place your flower on the cross. We will sing until it is finished. And let us rejoice and be glad in our singing and our actions, now and always.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Testament, page 29, Matthew 28 1-10;
page 178, Colossians 3:1-4**

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Holy City"

Chancel Choir

SERMON

"Raised With Christ"

A J Hillin

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world

We believe in God; who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make us new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S BLESSING Sunrise at the Sepulcher by Douglas
DOXOLOGY

SHARING OF THE SIGNS OF PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Bulletin Insert)

***HYMN OF INVITATION** *He Lives* *Verses 1 and 3* **UMH #310**

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to meet the pastor at the altar to place your membership in the church by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or to recommit your life to Christ.

***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE

Welcome, Visitors.

We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us this morning and we invite you to come again.

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Worship Services Sundays 9:30 am Sunday School 8:30 am

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH?

If you believe God is calling you to a relationship through this church, please come forward when the invitation is given. If "coming forward" isn't comfortable for you, see "the Rev" after the service and you can do a "No Stress" form of joining Cahill United Methodist Church. (Present this form to the pastor during the last hymn.)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Children's Names:

Former Church _____

Address _____

Joining By:

_____ Baptism and Profession of Faith

(Never Baptized, no previous church membership)

_____ Transfer from another United Methodist Church

_____ Transfer from another denomination

Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?