



First United Methodist Church  
610 E 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel  
Easter Sunday  
Collin Otteson, Organist  
April 4, 2021

*With the women, we approach the place of death,  
little knowing God's glorious surprise that awaits us.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Call to Worship:

One: Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

**Many: The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees. The flower buds are beginning to burst in color.**

One: We may have come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

**Many: 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.**

One: Now we understand what Christ said, what God did. Now we can proclaim:

**Many: CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!!**

Hymn of Praise: "Morning Has Broken" #145

Opening Prayer: (unison)

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offering:

Doxology:

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the "Alleluia!" morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Special Music: UM Global Choir "Thine Be the Glory"

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Message:

Holy Communion

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer:

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.**

Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #2088

Benediction and Sending Forth:

One: We have seen the Lord today! Now go into the world to spread this good news.

**Many: My heart leaps with the good news of Christ! God loves me so I go to share that love!**

One: God is good!

**Many: All the time!**

One: All the time!

**Many: God is good!**

One: May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

**Many: Amen! Alleluia!**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

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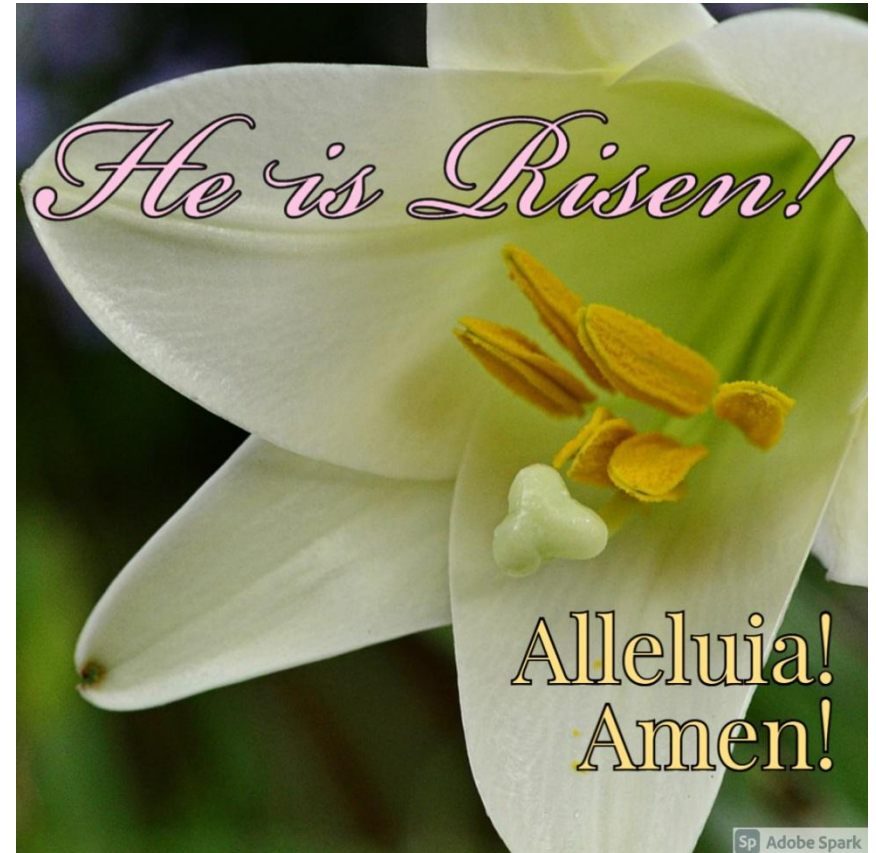
**Prayer List:**

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -  
Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe  
(MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

**Others:** Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr –Steve Danburg  
Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman -  
Terri Henson - Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr.  
Gene & Ila Norton – Rick Norton – Lloyd Schwartz  
Doris Slunecka - Doug Testerman

**PLEASE** contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

**Welcome to worship –  
and to resurrection life –  
on this most joyous day.**



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