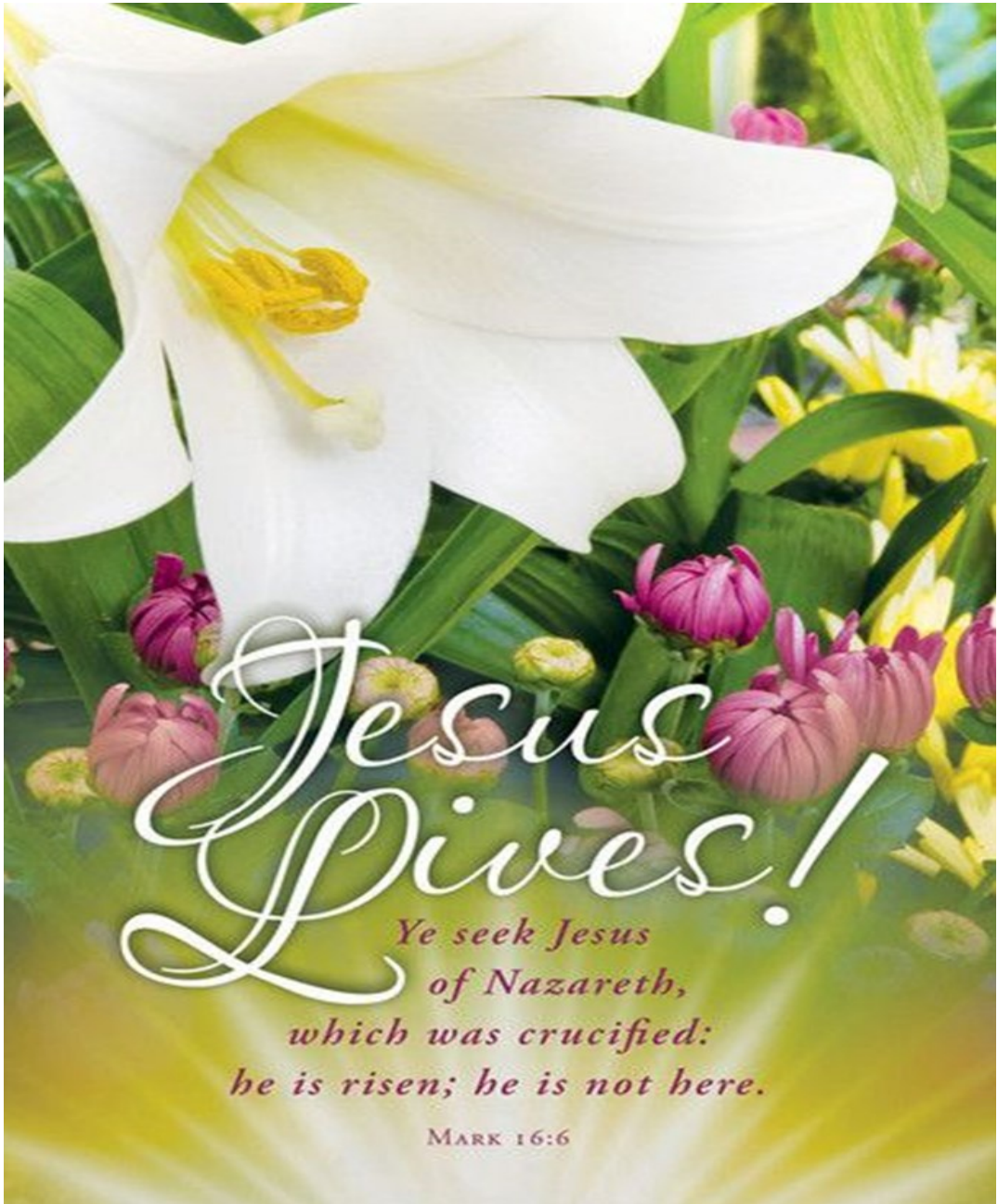


# REHOBOTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6911 Two Notch Road · Columbia, SC 29223

Sunday, April 17, 2022 - 11 am



*Jesus  
Lives!*

*Ye seek Jesus  
of Nazareth,  
which was crucified:  
he is risen; he is not here.*

MARK 16:6

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*“Raise Up the Crown”*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sherry Smoak

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“He’s Alive”*

Leader: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**People: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Gethsemane, we stood at the cross at Golgotha, and hid in a room out of our fear.**

Leader: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

**People: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**

*“He Lives”*

UMH #310

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ’s Name, we pray. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Alleluia, Alleluia!”*

RUMC Choir

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

Diane Horn

**PRAYER**

**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**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“By God’s Hand”*

RUMC Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:1-12

**NT #84**

**SERMON**

“God Moves...out of the Tomb”

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**UMH #881**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (vs. 1-4)

**UMH #302**

The altar is open for prayer. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, please so indicate. The doors of our church are open if anyone wants to join by profession of faith or by transfer.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*3 FOLD AMEN RESPONSE**

**UMH #898**

**POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Messiah”

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **WELCOME GUESTS**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Rehoboth UMC as we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor’s card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you to all who made it possible for us to enjoy the beauty of the Easter lilies. If you purchased lilies, please feel free to take them with you after this morning’s service.

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, April 23, at noon in the CLC for a Lunch & Learn event. The topic is “Estate Planning.” Lunch will be served. There is no charge for this event.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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Wednesday, April 20, 10:00 am: Lenten Study – Crossroads SS classroom

Saturday, April 23, 12 noon: Lunch & Learn (“Estate Planning”) - CLC

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Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

**Pathfinder SS Class** meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

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## Easter Season

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Lessons from the Acts of the Apostles replace readings from the Old Testament because the early church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the Resurrection. The ancient Christian name for this festival is Pasch, derived from the Hebrew *pesth* ("deliverance" or "Passover"), thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The origin of the English word Easter is disputed but may come from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eastre and her festival. Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, which means "fiftieth." It refers to the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which Greek-speaking Jews called the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1). Early Christians also used the term Pentecost to refer to the Great Fifty Days as a season.

Earth's gladdest day rejoices in its dawn,  
Angels announcing, 'He's alive! H's alive!'  
Sin's seal on the tombstone is broken for ever  
Telling the Good News, 'You are forgiven!'  
Each one invited to come and to say,  
'Rabboni!' like Mary in the garden that day.

"Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden, there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." John 19:41-20:1

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