

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
EASTER SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2024  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Ye Sons & Daughters of the King"  
"Prelude on Easter Hymn"

Deanna Larson, organist  
F. Dandrieu  
E. Broughton

WELCOME

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Up From the Grave He arose"

**UMH #322**

Low in the grave He lay Jesus my Savior  
Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

-Chorus-

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose He arose  
Hallelujah Christ arose

-Verse 2-

Vainly they watch His bed Jesus my Savior  
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord

-Chorus-

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose He arose  
Hallelujah Christ arose

-Verse 3-

Death cannot keep its prey Jesus my Savior  
He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord

-Chorus-

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose He arose  
Hallelujah Christ arose

*Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...*

*Lindgren*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

- L: We have come from many places to worship the resurrected Jesus.  
P: **We praise you, O God.**  
L: See that God has pardoned!  
P: **See that God shows no favoritism and accepts all who reverence God's name and do what is right!**  
L: Come, God's witness to the world is risen indeed!  
P: **Come! He lives! And everyone who believes in him will receive grace!**  
L: Come, let's worship the Resurrected One!  
P: **He is risen indeed!!!!**

*Please join in the ...*

*Lindgren*

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER**

How awesome are your ways, O God! With thanksgiving, we offer praise for the work you brought in Christ. In gladness we thank you for hiding us deeply into his sacred life. We bless you for raising us in and with Jesus Christ, giving us the power to proclaim — with Mary Magdalene — the Risen One, not only with our voices, but with our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"In Christ Alone"

**PRAISE BAND**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

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In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

*(continued...)*

-3-

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

-4-

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*

Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Joan Rude

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Because He Lives"

UMH # 364

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My Savior lives

-Chorus-

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

(continued...)

-Verse 2-

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

-Chorus-

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

-Verse 3-

And then one day I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

-Chorus-

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

## LITANY OF EASTER

Lindgren

*We'll begin with the people...*

**P: Mary said, "I have seen the Lord!"**

L: What was Mary to think when she saw the empty tomb? We would have been just as frightened, just as confused; how could she expect to proclaim:

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

L: Yes, the disciples had been told to expect some radical *oh-my-god-what-in-the-world-is-this happening*, but an empty tomb? How could they expect to hear Mary proclaim:  
(continued...)

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

L: We would have run with Peter, skeptics that we are, eyes and hearts searching for a body instead of empty burial cloths. How could any of us expect to hear Mary proclaim:

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

L: We would have cried, too, forlorn and feeling forsaken. We would not have known the familiar stranger asking us, "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" How could Mary expect to proclaim:

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

L: We would not have recognized his voice, or his body; we often don't recognize Him now in the world, so how do we expect to proclaim:

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

L: But see! He goes before us, leading us into his world, up from the grave and bondage; and he invites us to proclaim:

**P: I have seen the Lord!**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Alive Forever. Amen"

PRAISE BAND

Let the children sing a song of liberation  
The God of our salvation set us free  
Death where is thy sting  
The curse of sin is broken  
The empty tomb stands open and see

-Refrain-

Alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!  
Alive! Praise and glory to the Lamb  
Alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!  
Alive! Forever Amen

-2-

Let my heart sing out  
For Christ the One and only  
So powerful and holy rescued me  
Death won't hurt me now  
Because He has redeemed me  
No grave will ever keep me from my King

-Refrain-

Alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!  
Alive! Praise and glory to the Lamb  
Alive, alive, alive. Hallelujah!  
Alive! Forever Amen  
(repeat refrain)

-Ending-

Alive! Forever Amen  
He's alive! Forever men

## **MEDITATION**

"Decentralized Ministry"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

## **MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH #357, vs.1-4)

Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy Blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 2-

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 3-

Just as I am thought tossed about  
With many a conflict many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within without  
O Lamb of God I come I come

-Verse 4-

Just as I am poor wretched blind  
Sight riches healing of the mind  
Yea all I need in thee to find  
O Lamb of God I come I come

## INVITATION TO GIVING

### OFFERING

"The King is Coming"

Matt Collins, soloist  
Joan Rude, accompanist

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.

*Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.*

\*Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Please stand and join in singing...*

### \*DOXOLOGY

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

*Lindgren*

Wonderful God: we come bringing ourselves as gifts in gratitude for the gift you gave in Christ Jesus and for the gift he gave in his life and Resurrection. These gifts of money represent for us our heart's thanks and our commitment to live as Resurrection people. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom to You"  
Shalom to you now  
Shalom my friends  
May God's full mercies  
bless you my friends  
In all your living  
And through your loving  
Christ be your shalom  
Christ be your shalom

**UMH # 666**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Deanna Larson, organist  
W. Held





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, March 31th

### EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship w/Communion

## Monday, April 1st

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution

## Tuesday, April 2nd

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, April 3rd

1:30 pm-Women in Mission  
 3:30 pm-Zone 4-6  
 5:00 pm-Handbell practice  
 6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th  
 7:00 pm-Youth Meal  
 7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

## Saturday, April 6th

Pancake Breakfast  
 Kiwanis  
 An Angel's Touch

## Sunday, April 7th

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship w/Communion



## Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Kathy Wadsley
Melva Bainbridge	Tyler Crandell
Coleen Baughman	Those battling depression.
Lance Bellinghausen	Barb Hadenfeldt
Donna Blom	Judy (Polly's cousin)
Virginia Carlson	Caroline Kluver
Drew Havens	Frank Popp
John Nichols	Tias Hecht
Kim Piercy	Isabell
Karen Salmen	Daniel
Bev Schmidt	Kellee Barnett
Margaret Weber	
Sherise Ellis	
Wayne Stark	



Help send our kids to summer camp. Please consider donating to our scholarship program for camp.

## Birthdays this week in March/April

Arvid Baughman	31st
Tyler Bauer	3rd
Terry Davenport	3rd
Sarah Low	3rd
Boden Neuroth	3rd
Deb DeHaan	4th
Carmen Moody	4th
Ben McVinua	5th
Sally Gallagher	6th



## New Internet:

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**Aurelia 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church**  
 We need your help ...  
 for starving children and their families!

**HOW:**  
 Come to our Food Packaging Event through "Then Feed Just One," a non-profit mobile food-packing program that assists communities, schools, churches, and clubs in helping starving children and their families in Honduras, Central America. The food will be distributed to the most-needy orphanages, children's homes and throughout the general population. Over 7 million people live in poverty in Honduras and malnutrition is responsible for 1/3 of all children deaths!

**This event is open to anyone desiring to participate! Please get the word out to your organization and encourage people to come and help. Please contact the church at 712-434-5994 and leave a message or call Pastor Linda 712-480-0634.**

We ask each person to bring a \$20 tax-deductible donation and help package meals for 1 hour. This covers the cost of the food and shipping. If it is not possible to contribute the \$20.00 please don't let that stop you from participating. We have had donations given by those who are not able to participate for this purpose. Children of school age are welcome to participate! If your organization wishes to contribute to help defray the cost – Thank You!

**WHEN:**  
 April 3, 2024  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Please call and register your spot by March 25<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:**  
 Aurelia First United Methodist Church  
 31 Valor Road  
 Aurelia, IA 51005

For more information, please visit "Then Feed Just One" Website:  
<http://www.thenfeedjustone.org>



**KIWANIS  
 BEAVERS  
 PANCAKE  
 BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

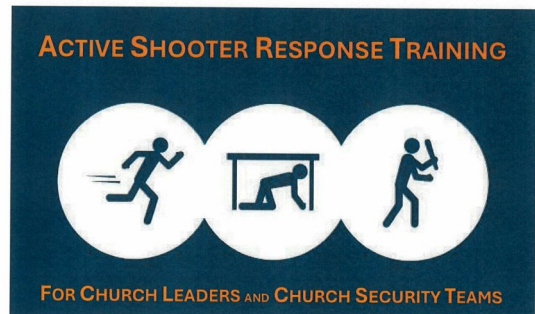
**8 A.M. to 1:00 p.m.**

**\$7.00 – 6 YEARS – ADULT**

**\$3.00-5 YEARS AND UNDER**

**LOCATED AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 FAMILY LIFE CENTER, 211 E. 3RD, STORM LAKE**

Proceeds go to An Angel's Touch, a non-profit Charitable 501©3 organization set up to honor Ron and Janette Willer by their loving family to improve the lives of the elderly, children and those with special needs who are impoverished, distressed, underprivileged or low income by giving one small gift at a time with heartfelt love and caring.



Chief Chris Cole of the Storm Lake Police Department has tailored this training specifically for civilian church leaders, so they can equip individuals in their congregations with the skills and knowledge necessary to respond effectively in the event of an active shooter or other violent situation. The program encompasses various elements, including an understanding of how local law enforcement will respond to such incidents and the actions civilians can take to enhance their safety and minimize casualties.

**DECISION-MAKING STRATEGIES**  
 Participants will learn about different options available to them during emergencies, empowering them to make informed choices based on their specific circumstances.

- techniques for evacuation
- lockdown/shelter-in-place procedures
- engaging with the attacker as a last resort

**FUNCTIONING UNDER STRESS**  
 The training also focuses on preparing individuals to function effectively under high-stress conditions, with strategies for:

- managing fear and anxiety
- maintaining clear communication
- implementing appropriate responses in fast-paced and unpredictable situations

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS include:**

- Stop-the-bleed Training
- A Theology of Protection & Grace (Pastor James Roland)

**THURSDAY APRIL 25, 6:30 PM**  
 at United Methodist Church, 211 E. 3rd St., Storm Lake  
 Registration is FREE!  
 Get tickets for attendance by RSVP to pastor.james.roland@gmail.com

Organized by the Gospel Fellowship of Storm Lake (facebook.com/GFellowship) in cooperation with the Storm Lake Police Department