

***WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE:***

Ministers - Every Member of the Church  
Pianist - Dee Ritter      Organist - Carrie Hier  
Keyboard - Steve Clark    Bass - Cary Cornwell    Drums - Dave Hunt  
Song Leader - Jim Ladiski  
Acolyte Coordinator - Sue Graham  
Fellowship Coordinator – Connie Paksi



**Growing in God's word ~ Living in Spiritual unity ~ Sharing faith in Christ**

**Serving This Week**

**Serving Next Week**

Greeters – Chris & Dixie Netheway  
Acolytes – Ben, Leah, Michael, Aalonna  
Lay Reader – Carol Bashore  
Nursery - Kathy Bracey  
Children's Church – No Children's Church today  
Coffee Hour – Larry & Carol Bashore  
Welcome Ministry - Carol Bashore

Harold & Lois Bracey  
Lauren  
Lois Bracey  
Denise Dennison  
Rachelle Parsons, Leah Rasch  
Greg & Jenny Martin  
Shelley Shimunec

***WELCOME!***

This morning you've chosen to worship with us and we thank you for doing so. Our service is designed with a blend of music, worship styles, and interaction, so that whether you are family, friend, or guest, it's our hope that you will feel welcome as we worship our God through Jesus Christ together.

***LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT***

**Attendance:** Worship Service – 97      Christian Life Classes - 11

**Finance Report:**

General Fund:		\$2339
Special Funds:	Mission	\$ 25
	Building	\$ 65



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**Easter Sunday**  
April 4, 2010  
8:00am & 10:30am

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# Welcome and thank you for joining us this morning!

(\*\* - notes where to stand physically and/or spiritually)

*Theme for Today: being shaped by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

## Music to “Bring Us In” – Hymn Singing

### Opening Easter Songs *(please sing first verse and chorus)*

“Because He Lives” (first verse and chorus)	UMH #364
“Easter People Raise Your Voices” (first verse)	UMH #304
“He Lives” (first verse and chorus)	UMH #310
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (first verse)	UMH #302
“Up from the Grave He Arose” (first verse and chorus)	UMH #322

### Greetings *(see your “News You Can Use” insert)*

Leader: At the United Church of Ovid, our purpose is to...

**People: Grow in God’s word, live in Spiritual unity, and share faith in Christ!**

Leader: And why are we here?

**People: To worship!**

**\*\*Time of Praise & Opening Prayer** *(see insert)* “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”  
“In Christ Alone”

### \*\* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has risen!

**All: Christ has risen indeed!**

Leader: Where O death is your victory? Where is your sting?

**All: The cross is empty. The grave is empty. Our hearts are full.**

Leader: Sing with all the saints in glory. Sing the resurrection song! We have put our faith in Christ alone and our faith has not been returned void.

**All: Christ has died...Christ has risen...Christ will come again! Amen!**

### Special Moments

**Giving Back to God - \*\*Response** “Praise God from Whom All...” UMH #95

**Special Moment**

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebrating Community Moment** (see insert)

**Children’s Time** – (Immediately following, 0-4 year olds are invited to the nursery upstairs or those 5-10 years old are invited to stay and enjoy the rest of today’s special service.)

**Response** “Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.”<sup>1</sup>

### Special Moment

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-18 pgs. 1052

Reader: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Time of Reflection** – Please take this time to reflect on God’s word for your life.

### Prayers of the People

When indicated in the pastoral prayer, you are invited to lift up your spoken and unspoken prayers as we pray to God together. On the enclosed insert you are also invited to record your praises and prayers for next week’s bulletin.

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer** (using “sins/sin” for “trespasses”) UMH #895

**Response** “Amen” - A-men. A-men. A---men. UMH #898

**Message** “Being SHAPed by the Empty Tomb” Pastor Greg

**Song of Preparation** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH #327

### Sacrament of Communion – Prayer of Thanksgiving

This morning you are invited to come forward take a piece of the bread (or gluten-free waver if requested) and dip it into the cup and stay to pray if you wish. If you wish to be served in the pews, please inform an acolyte or the pastor.

**\*\*Blessing and Congregational Response** - “Because He Lives”<sup>2</sup> (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.” (repeat)

**“Sending Us Out” Music** - There are still some ways to continue your Easter experience.

- Following the 8 am worship service, join us in family center for a time of free food & fellowship around our Easter breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

- Following the 10:30 am service, please join us in the family center for a time of refreshments and fellowship and possibly breakfast seconds!

*In any case, from UCO to you and yours – Have a great Easter weekend!*

<sup>1</sup> United Methodist Hymnal #277

<sup>2</sup> United Methodist Hymnal #364

## News You Can Use

### *This Week's Calendar – April 4 through April 11*

<b>Sunday</b>	8 am – Sunrise Service (worship area) 8:45 am – Easter Breakfast (family center) 9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area) (Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.) 10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)
<b>Monday</b>	7 pm - Boy Scouts (basement)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 am – Paint Class (basement) 10 am – Ovid healthcare Service 12:30 pm - Senior Luncheon (family) 6:00 pm – Trustees (basement) 6:30 pm – Finance Mt. (office) 7:30 pm – Official Board Mt. (library)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm – Choir (worship area) - All joyful voices welcome!
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 pm – Senior Luncheon (family center)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm – Wedding Rehearsal (worship area)
<b>Saturday</b>	3: pm – Becky Geisenhaver & Chris Vincent Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am – Christian Life Classes (opening in worship area) (Classes available for children-tweens-and adults.) 10:30 am - Worship with fellowship following (worship area/family center)

### *Upcoming Events*

**Children's Church Update** – In order for the families to enjoy the Easter events together (April 4<sup>th</sup>) and the Holy Humor “Backwards” Sunday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) there will be no children's church on those Sundays. However, nursery will be available.

**“Seasons of Grief” – Bereavement Support Group Continues** – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 3:30 pm. Johanna Workman (MAFS), from Heartland Hospice (1-888-670-7448), a grief survivor herself, is leading the ongoing classes.

**UCO Canoe Trip** – We're planning a trip on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars with the date. Sign-up is available at the Front Street entrance.

**Hanging Basket Flower Sale** - We are taking orders for those beautiful 10” hanging flower baskets. If you would like to order, pick up an order sheet from the office or the

information center. Please return to the office by April 25 with your payment. Keep your voucher to pick up your flowers the week of May 1-7 at Delta Gardens, The proceeds will be going toward the parking lot in back.

A card shower honoring **Josephine Jackson's** 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 13, and her successful completion of radiation for lung cancer. Her address is #104, 1103 S. Scott Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879.

### *Volunteers needed for...*

**We God Needs You** – As our ministry expands at UCO, more servants are needed. They aren't necessarily volunteers, but servants because God has placed it on their heart to serve Him. After going through the 301 series, it's important that you take your SHAPE and find a place to serve. If you need help in that process, set up an appointment with Pastor Greg through the church office.

**We are still needing a Tech Table Director and more Tech Volunteers** – Plans are well underway for our projection system and upgrade to our sound booth. When finished, we're going to need someone to lead and volunteers to assist. If you have a servant's heart, a drive for quality worship, and the God-given skills needed for the director, please send a letter of interest indicating those traits to UCO, PO Box 106, Ovid, MI 48866 or to volunteer, there is sign-up sheet at the Front Street entrance.

**Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts** – There are plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in both of these necessary areas. Please sign up at the sign-up table or contact Connie Paksi (834-2351) if you have any questions.

**Deadlines:** Bulletin announcements - Wednesday of each week.  
Newsletter info – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the month of the newsletter.

### *Community Corner*

**UCO Birthdays & Anniversaries** (If we've missed your special day please let the church office know!)

**April Birthdays:** 1-Jan Hansen 4-Helen Reichert 5-Emma Phillipson 6-Ricky Phillipson, Logan Applebee 8-Anna Fry, Michele Martin 9-Pete Taylor 10-David Graham 12-Tom Strachota 16-Norma George 17-Olivia Kast 18-Rachelle Sandbrook, Katelynn Davis 19-Adam Anderson, Talan Parsons 21-Greg Geisenhaver, Scott Cerny, Carter Hebel 22-Marge Parmenter, Kaitlyn Stevens 23-Lauren Sandbrook, Madeleine Graham 24-Lena Trowbridge, Larry Martin 26-Rich Givens 27-Ella Powell 28-Mariel Martin 30-Sandy Case

**April Wedding Anniversaries:** 13-Larry & Carol Bashore 20-Dave & Kay Stilwell 21-Rick & Evelyn Bush

## Praise and Prayer List

Last Updated: March 31, 2010

If you would like your praise, prayer request, or update put on this list for next Sunday, please use your "let us know" sheet, call the church office before Wednesday, or use the "prayer bulletin board" in the main hallway. Otherwise, please be sure to lift up your prayer or praise during the pastoral prayer when indicated. Thank you!

Praises and prayers on the four lists below will remain for two weeks unless updated.

**We give God praise for:** New births in Carrie Hier family / committed responses – able leaders / blessings / ongoing ministry of UMCOR / property purchases // wonderful memories of Joanne Wiegel who left us 3-22-09 to be with the Lord

**We pray for the health & healing of:** Hans Schmidt – stress test / Pastor Becky Morrison – surgery I / Jerry Davis – possible stroke / Andrea Bashore – testing- grandson of Larry & Carol Bashore / Frank & Gerry Winkler / Tim Bolton – Throat cancer – Brother-in-law of Kirk Baese / Lewis Crall – back surgery- father of Debbie Conklin // Karen Cook / strength fro Uncle of Jim McClelland / Pat Erickson / Ethel Mulder – heart problems / Norma Bates – seriously ill – sister-in-law of Janis Roy / Leona Carver // Mary Ann Mizga – home with 24 hour care / Randy Scott / Pentagon police officers

**We share our sympathy with the families of:** Ruby Dunham // Gerry Price / Elmer Thornton / Frances Westbrook / Donna Riechman

**We lift up our general requests of:** people of Haiti and Chili and all who in or serving in countries with natural disasters // our community as we make decisions around our school system / our school board and administration and teachers / our township and village over fire and ambulance facilities / those with house fires / traveling mercies / people that are shut in / couples who are having marital issues

Prayers on the three lists below will remain until we receive some update or request.

**We lift up those who are experiencing longer term healing and treatment:** Margo Martin – health / Doris Darling – Alzheimer's / Alyce Bond – multiple health problems – sister of Carol Watson / James White – healing / Brad Behrens – stroke / Larry Howland – cancer / Arvilla Bunnell – strength and healing – aunt of Steve Clark / Clyde Gilbert –brother of Nancy Hehrer / Emily Ann Pruse – healing of ear / Sally Kioski / Jean Loznak – cancer / Connie Parmenter / Gary Wilkins – cancer / Louise Rees – Home from OHC / Chris Wilkins - cancer / Buddy Ilgenfritz - home / Mary Ann Wittenberg - cancer / Laurie Higgins- cancer / Kate Kelly / Joan Bracey - Alzheimer's / Katie & Faith Heinze – Niemann-Pick Dis.

**We lift up those who have served or are serving in our peacekeeping efforts worldwide:** Barry Hunt, Josh Wiegel, Pete Carpenter, Kevin Hehrer, Bret Fell, Kori Sheldon, James King, Greg White, Bob Wienry, Mike Kimmel, Nicholas Passmore, Doug Betts, Chris Sodman, William Piwowarski, John Westbrook, Keith Burba, Robert Allen, Ted Olson, Kurt Doten, Scott Meyers, Tony Wieber, Jason Spencer, Dallas Blooding, Jason Westbrook, Emily (Moore) Berlo, Al Berlo, Neil Hegle, Brian Moody, Arin Monahan, Jarred Luckhardt

**We remember those who are continually in our thoughts:** shut-ins / RAVE families / UMC & UCC leaders / Christian churches in our community & around the globe / local, state, national, world leaders / those affected by famine, disease, & persecution, nationally and internationally, because of natural and human-made disasters / those in our community who need a relationship with Jesus.

## *Time of Praise*

### “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”<sup>3</sup>

*chorus* You lived... You died... You said in three days You would rise  
You did... You're alive...  
You rule... You reign... You said You're coming back again...  
I know... You will... all the earth will sing your praises!  
All the earth will sing your praises!

1. You took... You take our sins away O God.  
You give... You gave your life away for us.  
You came down, You saved us through the cross  
Our hearts are changed because of your great love. (*to chorus*)
2. No one... No name can rise above You Lord.  
One hope... one life will shine forever more.  
Your kingdom, in heaven and on earth  
Your children stand to sing of your great worth. (*to chorus*)

### “In Christ Alone”<sup>4</sup>

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.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness 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.

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.

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.  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

<sup>3</sup>MPW171-CCLI 703014 (©2003 by Integrity's Hosanna! Music) – Psalm 66:3-5

<sup>4</sup>MPW138-CCLI 703014 (©2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)-John 14:6

## “Being SHAPed by the Empty Tomb”

John 20:1-18 & I Corinthians 15:1-57

April 4, 2010 - Pastor Greg Buchner - United Church of Ovid  
(New International Version used throughout unless noted.)

**Theme for Today: being shaped by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

**Introduction** – 58% don’t have a clue...<sup>5</sup>

Paul’s recollection of the Resurrection

“Now, (sisters and brothers), I want to remind you of the gospel I preach to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved...” – I Corinthians 15:1-2

### I – The Resurrection Shapes Us By...His Grace

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect...” – I Corinthians 15:10

### II – The Resurrection Shapes Us By...Our Witness

“...for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead...for as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”-I Corinthians 15:15, 22

### III – The Resurrection Shapes Us By...Victory

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I Corinthians 15:56-57

**Conclusion** – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ affects our SHAPE.

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed...” – I Corinthians 15:51

Mary went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!”

And she told them that Jesus had said these things to her.” – John 20:18

#### **personal application questions**

If you know and believe in the Resurrection, how has it shaped your world?

If you know and believe in the Resurrection,  
how has it shaped your interaction with others?

If you know and believe in the Resurrection, what difference has it made in you?

What can you start doing today to show the world  
that you’ve been shaped by the empty tomb?

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<sup>5</sup> Barna Research - [www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/356-most-americans-consider-easter-a-religious-holiday-but-fewer-correctly-identify-its-meaning](http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/356-most-americans-consider-easter-a-religious-holiday-but-fewer-correctly-identify-its-meaning)



You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. 1 Corinthians  
12:27 CEB

## What if...

on one weekend all around the world, 11 million United Methodists came together  
to work in their local communities?

## What if...

we unite globally to fight a preventable, treatable disease that kills one child every  
30 seconds?

## Would You Help?

April 24-25, 2010. Build community locally. Fight malaria globally.  
Change the world!

## How?

1 – On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, voluntarily do something good for our  
community.

2 – On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, tell what you did locally and bring an offering for  
Nothing But Nets to help internationally.

## That's it!