



Easter Cantata

**Virginia Avenue
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Easter Sunday
April 8, 2007

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

Pastor: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

People: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.

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People: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.

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People: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

*Opening Hymn: "Up from the Grave He Arose" No. 322

Extending the Hand of Fellowship, Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer Pastor

The Lord's Prayer (*as found at No. 895*)

Offering

* Doxology: "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow" No. 95

Scripture:

Sermon: Rev. Goodman

Easter Cantata Chancel Choir

Narrator: Terry Goodman Director: Kathy Olinger

Behold the LAMB

Behold the Lamb

Hosanna, Messiah

This Is the Night

Cross Medley

Behold the Lamb

Above All

The Old Rugged Cross

Who Am I—Gail Richardson, *soloist*

Jesus Is Alive!

with Worship Christ, the Risen King

Coronation Medley

To Him Who Sits on the Throne

Behold the Lamb

* Pastoral Benediction

* Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.

The Flowers in the Narthex today have been placed

*In memory of Paul & Ewilda Whitenack
and
In honor of the Chancel Choir*

By: Drs. Betty & Ben Alexander

TODAY'S HOSTS

Pastor: Rev. Terry Goodman

Pianist: Debbie Dixon

Ushers: William Buchanan, Tom Kirby
Ray Nash, Willie Lowe

Greeters:

Hospitality: Comer Family

Nursery: Donna Comer

— *Sign-up sheets for these ministries are located in
the volunteer Roster in the Narthex. Please sign
up today!*

CALENDAR

Today:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata

Tuesday:

7:00 p.m. Ewilda Whitenack Circle

Wednesday:

12:00 p.m. Sarah Creasy Circle

6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Classes

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. McGuire/Warden-Gill Circle

Birthdays

11 Glenn Buchanan

12 Adam Hicks

14 Mary Ann Chudina

Anniversaries

Acts 10:34-43

34Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. 36You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 39" We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, 40but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

19If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

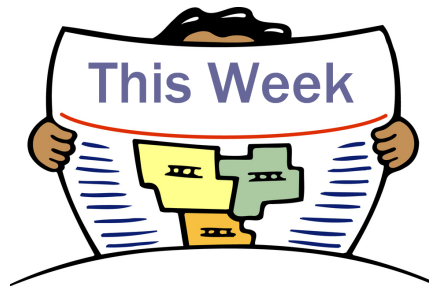
John 20:1-18

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" 3So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. 8Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10Then the disciples went back to their homes, 11but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them

College and/or Technical School Graduates

We would like to know of anyone who will be graduating this spring from College or Technical School. We would like to honor your accomplishment and celebrate along with you and your family. Please make the church office aware of your graduation date, the school you will be graduating from, and the degree or diploma you have earned.



On the Avenue

Pastor on Vacation This Week

Reverend Goodman will be on vacation this week. In the event of an emergency, you can contact him at the parsonage.

Representative from the Gideon's to Speak Next Week

In Reverend Goodman's absence next week, a representative from the Gideon's will deliver a message and speak about their organization.

Council on Ministries Meets on Monday April 16th

Our Council on Ministries will meet in the church parlor on Monday night April 16th at 7:00 p.m. All members of the Council are asked to attend.

Pastor to attend Gathering of Clergy in Bristol, TN

Bishop Swanson has summoned all the pastors of the Annual Conference to gather for an all day meeting on Tuesday April 17, 2007. Reverend Goodman will be out of town on this date for the meeting.

Christian Educator's Summit Set for April 22nd

Rev. Goodman is calling a meeting of everyone that is any way involved in the leadership of the teaching ministries of our church. All these persons should have received an invitation and material to read prior to the meeting. A light lunch will be provided by the Ewilda Whitenack UMW Circle prior to the meeting.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

It is time to return the bottles you have been filling with change for the Abel Center. Please bring them in and leave them in the church office on the counter. Thank you for helping area women during difficult times.

Natural Church Development Process Is Underway

The first step in the NCD process is on the horizon. On Wednesday night May 5th, Reverend Goodman will meet with 30 of the leaders of the church at Ryan's for a meal at 6:00 p.m. and then ask them to complete an extensive questionnaire that will give us a snapshot understanding of our church on eight Church Quality Characteristics.

The persons chosen for this meeting have been elected by the Charge Conference or represent a particular group within the church such as the UM Men, Women and Youth. Please be in prayer for these people and ask that God would undergird the NCD Process as we seek to discover how to best carry out our mission and ministry in this place.



Adorning the Chancel Area on Easter

Each Sunday during Lent, as we are approached the cross we had a different setting. Each week, the chancel area reflected a different day during Holy Week. This Sunday is referred to as **Easter the Day of Conquering**. One side of the altar has the empty tomb and two angels. (John 20:12). On the other side is Mary Magdalene and Jesus in the garden. (John 20:14-17).

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Let us pray that the Risen Christ will raise us up and renew our lives.



God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Mother's Day Cakes

The Ewilda Whitenack Circle will be selling cakes to honor mothers. These cakes will be 9" round and single layer. The cost will be a donation of \$4 per cake. Each cake will be decorated and can be personalized with your mother's name if you would like. You may choose from the following flavor combinations:

- yellow cake / white icing,
- chocolate cake / white icing, r
- red velvet cake / cream cheese icing.

If you would like to order one please let Patty



Prayer Requests

- Steve Alexander
- Arnold Family
- Christopher Bowen
- Bessie Brewer
- James Brown
- Ralph Brown
- Byrt Family
- Morgan Campbell
- Martha Jane Chudina
- Jerry Connelly
- James & Meridith Ewing
- Roscoe & Margaret Farmer
- Ruth Fleshman
- Nell Fulcher
- Gabriella Gibbs
- Mary Beth Gills
- Family of Gary Green
- Terry Hall
- Curtis Helmondollar
- Shirley Helmondollar
- Vernon & Hop Hopkins
- Ronnie Houchins
- Christian Hutchinson
- Earnest & Ruth Kirby
- Tracy & Betty Janutolo
- Belena Johnson
- Nancy Lester
- Joan Mandel
- Myrtle & Earl Meadows
- Norma Morgan
- David Parris
- Judi Parris' brother
- Eddie Perdue
- Carter Richardson
- Robert Simpson
- Wanda Stevenson
- Delores VanDyke
- Lloyd Walker
- Charlie Wood
- Carlene Workman
- Unspoken Requests