**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Preparation “Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH#322**

**Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12 Liturgist**

**Sermon Love and Life for All Pastor Jeremiah**

**\*Closing Hymn “He Lives” UMH#310**

**\*Benediction & Blessing**

**\* Parting Hymn “God Be with You till We Meet Again” (vs. 1) UMH#672
\*As the Light of Christ is Carried Out Acolyte**

**\*Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor**

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 CHURCH CALENDAR – April 2022
 **Vicke’s Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon**

**Sunday, April 17 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 9:00 a.m. with Coffee Hour &
 Welcome New Members following
 Oak Crest Worship Service 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 20 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom
 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 21 Today’s Sisters 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 24 1st Sunday after Easter with Coffee Hour following
 SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE after Worship in Sanctuary**

 **Greeters for this Sunday, April 17: Denise Showalter**

**Greeter for NEXT Sunday, April 24: Sue Vaughn
Coffee Hour for TODAY, April 17: Kitty Jouris
Coffee Hour NEXT Sunday, April 24: Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey**
 IMPORTANT NOTICE: SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH
 RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY - So we can elect alternates for the Annual
 Conference. Our Primary Lay Delegate cannot attend this year.

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 **Sunday, April 17, 2022** 

 **Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor
 and Our Church Family Welcomes You!**

**Organist: Nancy Plote
Liturgist: Jacque Fucilla
Acolyte: Owen Fucilla
Greeter: Denise Showalter**

 **EASTER SUNDAY – April 17, 2022**

*Welcome to Malta United Methodist Church. God, as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. All God’s people in all life’s situations are welcome here. This is a special invitation for you to make this church your church home and family. If you are interested in learning more about our church, please contact Pastor Jeremiah by calling or texting him at 815-592-3764.
God Bless You.*

*If you have an offering, please place it in the wooden church box
on the table in the narthex. Thank you.*

**LITURGY OF WORSHIP for EASTER**

**Prelude Nancy Plote**

**Welcome & Announcements Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor**

**Prelude Music
Lighting of the Altar Candles Owen Fucilla, Acolyte**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Jacque Fucilla, Liturgist**

Liturgist: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles!
A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled
with too many worries and too little faith.

**People: On this Easter morning, we hear the old folks saying,
“Mary don’t you weep!”**

Liturgist: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what
 God has done! Yesterday was filled with too much criticism and too little
 affirmation.

**People: Today, Martha, don’t you moan!**

Liturgist: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice
 in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many
 questions and too few answers.

**People: This is Easter morning: dry your tears and shout for joy!
 Jesus is not dead. “HE IS ALIVE!” God has conquered death
 and Jesus has canceled sin. This INDEED, is a new day!
 Leap for joy!!!!! (Applause)** *Sherrie Dobbs Johnson*

**\*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH#302**

**Welcome New Members & Baptism UMH#33-39
 “Nicole Rempfer & Denise Showalter”**

**Baptism Hymn “God Claims You” TFWS#2249**

**Children’s Time**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist**

Liturgist: Holy, Holy, Holy God, as we draw near to the mouth of the tomb and find
 the stone rolled away. As we bend with racing hearts to look inside, we
 are struck dumb. All our words are as prattle before the awe and majesty
 of your power. In silence, we bow before you. For we have fallen short of
 the glory for which you created us.

**Silent Prayers of Confession

 People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and make us worthy to be called your own.**

**Words of Assurance & Pardon Pastor Jeremiah**

**People: In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the
 love of God; nothing we have done, or left undone; no one whom we
 have been or failed to be. Nothing can separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ,
 we are forgiven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.** *Karen Pidcock-Lester*

**Choral Anthem “King Jesus Is Arisen” Chancel Choir**

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 with their “TOP NEEDS”.

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