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Steadfast Love (A New Cut)

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor **Bold – C: Congregation responds** ****

P: Beloved, Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Our Savior is risen!

C: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Steadfast Love is risen!

C: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day that God has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite In unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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.*

Opening Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today p. 302 UMH
vv. 1, 4, & 5

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn – Easter People, Raise Your Voices p. 304 UMH

New Testament Reading – John 20:1-18 (NRSVue)

¹ 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. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they

have laid him.”³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed,⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon – Steadfast Love (A New Cut)

Benediction & Commission

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.

May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.

And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.

For Steadfast Love is risen!

C: Steadfast Love is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!

Lectionary Readings for Holy Week beginning April 21, 2025

Psalm 118:14-29

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Announcements

- An Easter Memorial has been given by Judy and Mike Williard, Cameron, John, Silas and Peter Hogg, to the glory of God and in memory of S. N. and Ethel Seats; Nell Langley; Sidney and Carrie Seats; Albert, Adeline and William Harbin; John and Louise Seats; Josephine Bryant; Ted and Ann Seats; Tan and Wayne Seats; Hugh Seats; Victor Sisk; Les and Mary O'Harrah; Charlie Willard; Worth Seats; and Harold Langley.
- A memorial to the glory of God and in memory of Jeanette Lanier, Ruby Driver, and Harold Langley has been made by Norma Jean Harbin.
- An Easter Memorial has been made to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Sisk by his wife, Frances Sisk.

- An Easter Memorial has been made to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Sisk by his daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and David Joyner.

The beautiful Easter Lilies in the sanctuary were given in MEMORY of:

Victor L. Sisk by his wife, Frances S. Sisk;

James C. Gough by his wife, Frances V. Gough and Mitch Gough by his grandmother, Frances V. Gough;

Mr. & Mrs. James T. Vaughn, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. James T. Vaughn, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Edwards and Everette, Becky Lingo, and Marie Parrish by the Vaughn Family;

Hugh Seats by his wife Jackie Seats, and by his daughter and son-in-law, Susie Seats-Edwards & Randy Edwards;

Sidney & Carrie Seats by their sister-in-law, Jackie Seats and by their niece and her husband, Susie Seats-Edwards & Randy Edwards;

Nell S. Langley and Harold Langley by Jackie Seats and Susie Seats-Edwards & Randy Edwards;

Albert & Adeline Harbin by their daughter, Norma Jean Harbin;

Will & Dare Dalton by their son, Frank Dalton;

Walter & Thelma Harbin by their son and daughter-in-law, Garry & Kathy Harbin, and Harry & Julie Keener by their daughter and son-in-law, Kathy & Garry Harbin;

Worth Seats by his wife, Faye Seats;

Mr. & Mrs. S. N. Seats by their daughter-in-law, Faye Seats and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kluttz by their daughter, Faye Seats.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Pevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

April Birthdays

Garry Harbin	2	Brad Collins	26
John Seats	4	Sadie Disher	27
Susie Seats-Edwards	9	Annabel Parker Mark	28
Jeremy Gearheart	10	Autumn Rayne Atkinson	28
Caroline Burton	11	Hugh McBride	30
Bradley Thompson	21	Faye Seats	30
Ronnie Southern	23		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

