

\*Standing as able or desired

\*\*GUEST, please place an information card in the offering or give it to an usher. Be sure to indicate any follow-up we can offer.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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## Signal Hill United Methodist Church

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*April 15, 2018*

*Sunday School 9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREET ONE ANOTHER, MEET SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST: For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head;

ALL: And cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.

LITURGIST: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

\*SONG: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - UMH #304

ACOLYTE

OPENING PRAYER (unison) - O Lord, this solemn prayer comes from deep desire, may our lives be as pure as candle fire. Let our every breath dispel the world's gloom, let our spirit glow so brightly that darkness meets its doom. May we be faithfully drawn to learning as the moth is drawn to the candle's burning. May our lives be devoted to serving the needy and to loving a sorrowful, ever suffering humanity. Lead us away from the path of temptation. O Lord, let truth alone be our destination. Amen.

OFFERING

\*\*Procession: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" - UMH #462

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) - UMH #888

CHOIR ANTHEM: "You Raise Me Up"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Prayer Requests

Litany Response: "Lord, hear our prayer"

PRAYER of RECONCILIATION (unison) - O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Redeemer, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SONG: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" - UMH #349

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:36-48

MESSAGE: "Can I Get a Witness?" - Rev. Arthur Francis

SONG: "Christ Is Alive" - UMH #318

ACOLYTE

CLOSING BLESSING

PASTOR: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### EVERY WEEK

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Infants, Nursery; Children, Fellowship Hall;  
Youth, Youth Room; Adults: Memorial Hall & Asbury Hall

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Rotating among Bethany Place,  
Violence Prevention Center, *St. Clair Co Emergency Fund*

**CHOIR PRACTICE** every **Thursday** at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** will be collected throughout the year. Please place your  
donated items in the designated boxes in the Narthex.

**BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday Morning –**

Every Tuesday in Asbury Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your Bible.

### COMING EVENTS

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** @ 1:30 p.m.

**WITNESS TEAM MEETING - Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** @ 9:30 a.m. in  
Memorial Hall.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN –** See you **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
at noon in Memorial Hall.

April provides our annual opportunity to help the local mission institutions.

**Lessie Bates Davis Neighbor House** can use bar soap, bath towels, and  
hand or body lotion.

**Cunningham Children's Home** would like men's white t-shirts,  
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**STAFF PARISH - Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ 3:00 p.m.

**OUTREACH TEAM MEETING - Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** after worship service.

**TRUSTEES' MEETING - Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00 p.m.

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