

**EASTER SUNRISE 2012**  
**First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC**  
**6:30 a.m.**

*In front of the sanctuary*

**GATHERING**

**GREETING**

My brothers and sisters, on this holy morning in which Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the Church to experience anew Christ's death and resurrection. Let us be reminded now of the cross of Christ. Let's walk to the crosses.

**SONG**

**“Jesus, Remember Me”**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*At the three crosses*

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now.

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the win of the world and take it away,

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

**PEOPLE: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD     Mark 15: 25 – 39**

**HYMN     Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*At the graveyard*

**THE PROPHET'S PROMISE OF RESURRECTION Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14**

**REFLECTION**

**Paul Wood**

**HYMN**

**“In the Garden”**

I come to the Garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling one my ear the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tell me I am  
his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

**THE PASCHAL FIRE IS LIGHTED**

*At the Boy Scout Fire Ring*

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Matthew 28: 1 – 10**

**THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIGHTED. THE FLAME IS SHARED**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Leader:** The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!  
The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** It is indeed right, that with open hearts, clear minds, and exuberant voices we should praise you, unseen God, creator of all that is, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has ransomed us by his death, and has risen triumphant from the grave. Therefore, in the joy of this blessed morning, when sin is washed away and mourning is turned to joy, accept our sacrifice of praise. Grant that this Easter candle makes our darkness light, for Christ the morning star has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader: There was darkness over the earth before creation;  
**PEOPLE: THERE IS DARKNESS IN THE WOMB BEFORE BIRTH.**  
Leader: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;  
**PEOPLE: THERE IS DARKNESS IN THE TOMB BEFORE RESURRECTION.**  
Leader: But now Christ is risen!  
**PEOPLE: THE DAWN HAS COME.**  
Leader: A new creation has commenced;  
**PEOPLE: THE WORLD IS BORN ANEW.**  
Leader: Christ is Risen!  
**PEOPLE : HE IS RISEN INDEED!**  
Leader: Thanks be to God!  
**PEOPLE: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

## PRAISE SONG

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*In front of the sanctuary*

## HYMN

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

*Hymn tune- Hymn to Joy*

## MESSAGE OF JOY

**Paul Wood**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The women came running to tell us.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: Out of darkness, light has come.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: The tomb is empty, our hearts are full.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: Our mourning has turned to dancing.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: Our tears have been turned to laughter.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: The stone moved away from the door of the tomb.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: Captives at liberty, prisoners set free.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: Death clothes cast aside to bind up broken hearts.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**  
Leader: The lowly are lifted, the mighty brought down.  
**PEOPLE: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader: Today the promise of God is fulfilled in our hearing.

**PEOPLE: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

### **SENDING FORTH**

Go out now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Set your minds on the things of God and do not be afraid for your life is safe with Christ in God. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you. May Christ Jesus be your life! And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good! Amen.

*In the Fellowship Hall*

- The United Methodist Men invite us to join them in the fellowship hall for a light breakfast and fellowship.
- As we go through the sanctuary, we are invited to help re-clothe the altar and prepare it for our 11:00 Celebration of the Resurrection.

### **A Giant Greeting Card for Tim McClendon Sign It This Morning!**

Everyone in the congregation is invited to sign a large greeting card today for former FUMC pastor, Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon. Tim was the first-elected clergy delegate to General Conference from the South Carolina Annual Conference and was recently nominated for election as a bishop of the United Methodist Church. General Conference will be held April 24 through May 4 in Tampa, FL. Tim is already a leader in the decision-making life of our denomination and will play a significant role at General Conference. Next, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 18 – 20 at Lake Junaluska, NC. It is at this event where he might be elected and then consecrated as a bishop. You are invited to go into the fellowship hall before you leave the church today and sign the “best wishes” card for Tim.

### **Genesis Service**

Our next Genesis Service will be next Sunday at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Introduction to the Gospel of Mark Wednesday Nights in the Fellowship Hall**

Mark's Gospel was the first “gospel” every written, and it had enormous influence on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Pastor Paul Wood will introduce Mark's Gospel every Wednesday at 6:30, April 11 through May 16, in the fellowship hall. He will use video material by Dr. Mickey Efird of Duke Divinity School.

Some questions the class will look into:

- In Mark, why is Jesus always in such a hurry?
- In Mark, why does Jesus tell people to keep quiet whenever they realize he is the messiah?
- Why doesn't Mark tell about the birth of Jesus?
- Why doesn't Mark end with words of proclamation about the resurrection?

There's no pre-registration for the class. Want supper? Sign up and come at 5:30. Just bring a Bible.