

**Welcome to
Harvest Community Church
Easter Sunday –April 4, 2021
He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**

“In their fright the women bowed with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you while he was with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered His words.”

Luke 24:5-8

Morning Worship

Message: The First Easter

Scripture: John 20: 1-10a

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Children’s Worship meets this morning. Children ages 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs right after the morning worship time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

He is risen! He is risen indeed! All four of the gospel writers tell of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the centerpiece of the Christian faith. As the Apostle Paul writes in the great resurrection chapter (I Corinthians 15), if Christ has not risen from the dead, then our faith is futile, we are still in our sins, and we, above all the people in the world, are to be the most pitied. But Jesus HAS risen from the dead and therefore our faith is not futile, we are delivered from our sin, and we are the most blessed people in all the world! This morning we look at John’s record of the resurrection and why he records what he records.

Special Offering this morning is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church, monies used to help folks with immediate needs. The April 18 second offering will be for Resonate Global Mission.

There will be no Sunday School or evening Bible Study today.

Consistory Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday evening, April 21 at 7:00. Pastor Ridder will be serving as host.

If you ordered one of the potted plants/flowers for this morning’s service, please take it home with you after the service today. Any money still owed can be directed to Harvest Church.

There will be no Coffee Break Women’s Bible Study this week. We will resume next week with lesson 4 in our study guides ‘Depending on Jesus—Renewal within Defeat’.

Next Sunday evening at 6:00, we are very happy to have representatives from ARO (Appalachian Reach Out) come and give a presentation of their ministry. Several people from Harvest Church have been down there engaged in different ministries over the years, and most recently you have noticed trailers in the church lot and have donated a variety of items to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Coming that evening will be Dwayne Mills, Executive Director of ARO; Bill Zuidema, Thrift Store Manager; and Dave Crum, head of Work and Witness teams. Join us for what will be an informative and inspirational time together.

Grief and Grieving Meetings. The Outreach Purpose Group of Harvest Church is making plans to host Gwen Karcia of grief-guide.com here at Harvest on four consecutive Thursday evenings: April 22 and 29th and May 6th and 13th, each at 7:00. The session topics in order will be General Grief, Grief and Family, The Faith Component, and What’s Really Helpful for the Griever. If you are dealing with grief or want to come alongside someone who is, plan on attending all or any of these sessions. You can check out Gwen’s website at grief-guide.com for more information about her ministry.

Thank-you Card. “Dear Church Family, I want so much to Thank you for the many acts of kindness and encouragement you have shown me since my surgery. The beautiful cards, flowers, visits, and wonderful meals and most of all, the prayer support. The Lord has been so faithful and will continue to be so in the days ahead. God bless you all and have a Blessed Easter. Love , Bonnie”

Bad Weather Policy. With springtime upon us, please keep in mind that any closures of church services or events due to bad weather will be announced on TV-8 in Grand Rapids and TV-6 in Lansing.

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery—AM Service

Today: Jenny Reynolds, Julie Kastanek
April 11: Marilyn and Bob DeJong

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Today: Chelsea (Booth) Zook
April 11: Kelly Duits

Prayer Family: Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.

This week: Jared and Theresa McClonnon

Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel
April 11: Gail Pepper

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 a.m. Worship
Monday	7:00 pm Worship Team
Wednesday	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting