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March 23, 2008 –Easter "Son Rise" Service

The Purpose of Worship is to Joyfully Praise Our God

* = stand if you are able † = 10:30 a.m. service only †† = 8:30 a.m. service only

**WE GATHER TOGETHER AND
PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR RISEN LORD**

* Opening Hymn – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Page 217

Announcements & Prayer Requests

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship: Worship Christ the Risen King vs. 1
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**Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and
worship, come and worship, Worship Christ the Risen king!**

Prayer of the Congregation /Instrumental Amen

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

²Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

**¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for
ever!**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad
songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does

valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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Reader: May God's blessing be added to the reading and hearing of the Holy Scripture.

* Gloria Patri Page 622

New Testament Lesson - Colossians 3:1-4

* Hymn -Christ Arose Page 216

Gospel Lesson - Mark 16:9-18

Reader – The Word of God for the People of God

Congregation – Thanks be to God.

Sermon - "Our Version of The Easter Story" The Confirmation Class

Pastoral and Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts')

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering & Offertory

* Doxology Page 625

* **Offering prayer: O God who conquered death and lives today, we praise your name. Fill us with the joy of your resurrection not only today, but always. As your people, we give you now these gifts of tithes and offerings. Take them, bless and multiply them, and let them get going and spread your love to all in this congregation and beyond. In Christ's powerful name we pray, Amen.**

* Hymn - He Lives

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* Benediction

* Benediction Response - Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.



Visitors Are Always Welcome – If you came as a visitor this morning, we hope you will leave as a friend. Please fill out a visitor's card, which you will find by the bulletins, and place it in the offering plate or give it to someone. We are glad you are here, and hope you will return soon and often.

Nursery and Cry Room –We have a nursery available in the Legg Center and a Cry Room upstairs above the sanctuary where you are able to see and listen to the service with your children.

Flower Dedication for March - **March's** altar flowers are donated by John and Elaine in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Greeters and Ushers for March - The Ellis Family will be greeting us with the love of Christ this month.

Lay Readers for today - 8:30 Storm VanWey 10:30 Evan Rowe

In the Nursery Today † - Becky Campbell

Acolytes for today † - Evan Rowe - *Happy Birthday Evan!*

This Week at Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ:

Today	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
8:30a –Worship	8a - 12p Church office open		Church office open	8a -2p Church office open	Church office open	
9:30a Easter Brunch						
10:00 - Bible Stories in the Nursery	6:45p -Bible Study at Torie			12:00p <i>Monday</i> Noon Bible Study		
10:30a -Worship	Front's, 8186 Liberty Church Rd					
6:00p HS Youth Group						
6 - 8:30p. MS Youth						

Announcements and Information

Church Camp Information Now Available! If you'd like your kids to go to a church camp this year, please see Pastor Torie or Grace. Early Bird sign-up is due on March 31. We have funds available to help pay for church camp, so please let us know if your kids will be going to church camp this year (along with grandparents perhaps!)

Missions Ministry Collecting Items for Soldiers - Please pick up the list of items needed by the bulletins, and bring back your donations to the Highwater Hope Chest anytime this month.

It's Spring Hog Roast Time! Saturday, April 19th is the date of this year's Hog Roast. There will be a planning meeting next Sunday, March 30, at 10:00am. Please start soliciting, making or purchasing items for the live auction and plan your dessert for the dessert smorgasbord!

Youth Spaghetti Dinner - This dinner will be on Friday, **April 4**, 6:00 - 8:00p.m. There is still plenty of time to plan to attend this fundraising dinner.

New Young Adult Sunday School to be Offered - The Christian Education Ministry Is excited to start a new Young Adult Sunday School Class beginning March 30 at 9:30 - 10:00 for ages 18-?. During this time open activities for children will be available, This will include playtime, song learning and other activities. We are working very hard to

make the learning process for the kids both educational and fun. We are open for suggestions and could use volunteers to cover the time slots. Please call Grace 366-3654, Tracy 892-7063 or Fred at 892-2525.

Invitation Sunday - Sunday, April 6. Please remember to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to worship on April 6. The 10:30a service will be our monthly Family Worship in the Legg Center. Post cards will be made available to you today.

New Church Directories - Highwater is getting a new church pictorial directory this year! The photos will be taken on May 28 and 29th, from 2:30-9:00p. Please sign up for a sitting date today in the narthex following both services today.

Membership and Outreach Ministry - Meeting next Sunday, March 30, at 11:45.

Care Ministry - Meeting next Sunday, March 30 at 11:45.

WISH Dinners - Please sign up if you can help serve at the next Agrarian Dinner on Tuesday, April 1, and or the Lamb Banquet on Thursday, April 3.

WISH Retreat - This year's Women's Retreat will once again be at Indian Bear Lodge from Friday, April 11th - Sunday, April 13th - sign up sheet now available on the WISH board!

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Highwater Congregational UCC Church Family
Zion UCC, Delaware

Our Members :

Mark Hoar
Jack Green
Tom Lake Jr.
Bob and Bev and Lori Yoakam
Tom Siegel
Shelly Ellis
Grant Ellis

Praise:

Keeping the Payne family safe

Our Greater Church Family: *(The list starts over at the beginning of each month unless we know otherwise. Please add anyone continuing to need prayer)*

Dick Fisher	Dick VanWey
Mack Buckenberger	Ted Payne
Pam Dalzell (Dave Nash's niece)	Ken Nash (Dave Nash's brother)
Carl Richards (Linda Wright's dad)	Bill Connor
Lela Liggett	Dwight Hunter (Jane Lake's uncle)
Marge Davis (Kathy Preston's mom)	Jeff French

Jay and Hayden Justice
Frank Derrick (Barb Jackson's father)
Carl Hardin
Don & Marlene Bevier
Tom Parker

Connie Geyser
Earl Layman
Mindy McDaniel (Eileen Preston's granddaughter)
Montey Hutchinson
Marge Patrick

In Memoriam: We join with the families in mourning the passing of their family member's:

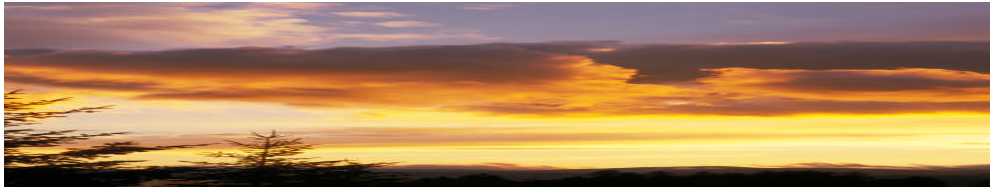
Family of: Betsy Harris

In the Military: All Troops overseas & their families

Jimmy Chen (coming home soon)
Jacob Shipman
Geoff Stewart - in Iraq (Jack Schmidt's nephew)

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



Mark 16:9-18

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and

proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe; by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.

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