



# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, April 12, 2020  
Easter Sunday  
10:00 a.m.

## *The Promised Land*



*Palestine with Sheep Panorama, By Addshore, used with permission*

Cheltenham United Methodist Church  
11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623  
Rev. Mark Schaefer, Pastor

**Worship with us Online via Zoom**

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Schaefer

+GREETING

*Psalm 118, adapted; Easter proclamation*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

+HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

UMH 302

OPENING PRAYER

*Gelasian Sacramentary, 5th C., Alt.*

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*from the Exsultet, 8th C.*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Amen.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" UMH 312

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34–43

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" TFWS 2043

+GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1–10

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON Rev. Mark Schaefer  
"The Promised Land"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

OFFERTORY  
+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

+HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

**GOING FORTH**

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

The + indicates the congregation standing, if able.

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Acts 10:34–43** • Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Matthew 28:1–10** • After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”