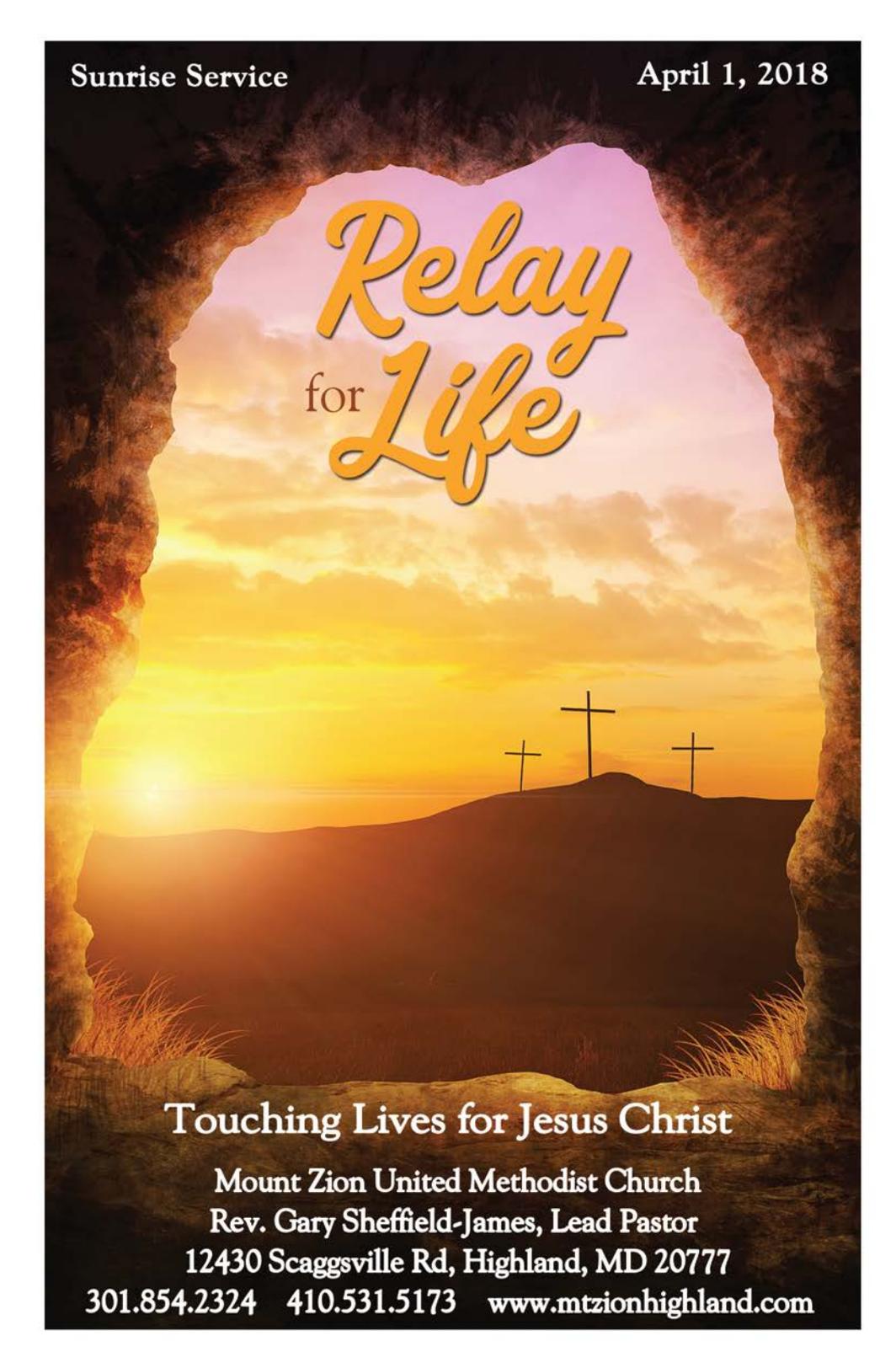


Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

The background of the poster is a photograph of a sunrise seen through the opening of a cave. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fills the sky. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a hill features three crosses of varying heights. The cave's interior is dark, with some dry grass visible at the bottom. The text 'Relay for Life' is overlaid on the upper part of the image, with 'Relay' and 'Life' in a large, yellow, cursive font and 'for' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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Resurrection Sunday

Sunrise Service – 7:00am

Welcome to this Easter Service of Celebration

***Call to worship**

Easter Litany

Leader: Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ.

People: Trembling, we approach the edge of where death and life meet. Death, the unknown, meets new life, also unknown. New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties. We approach, trembling.

Leader: Easter morning: the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they were struck with awe as life was returned to them from death.

People: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

Leader: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all, and love which conquers all fear.

People: Death is shattered! The disciples stared death face to face, and saw that it had lost its power.

Leader: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life.

All: Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us. **Alleluia!**

Sunrise Opening Hymn: In the Garden

1. I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other
has ever known

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
'Tho the night around me be falling
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

EASTER SCRIPTURE: John 20: 1-18

Closing Hymn: HE LIVES!

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Refrain:

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?

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