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**YOU ARE INVITED...** back to Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church at 168 South Broad Street (on the Green), Milford to enjoy breakfast prepared by our Men’s Club from 7:30 – 9:45 a.m., along with our additional Easter Services, listed below.

Mary Taylor Memorial Church is part of the world-wide family of Methodist churches. We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all people regardless of sexual orientation.

*“Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!”*

**ADDITIONAL EASTER SERVICES TODAY**

*If you wish, please bring a flower to place in the wire-mesh cross in front of the church. Watch as the resurrection blooms as morning unfolds!*

- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast by the Men’s Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome. **Breakfast serving will end at 9:45 a.m.**
- 8:30 a.m.** Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. **No Sunday School on Easter Day.** The message will be “Fools for Christ” will be based on Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, I Corinthians 4:8-13, and John 20:1-18.
- 10:00 a.m.** Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by the Praisemakers, Bell and Adult Choirs, with same texts and message as 8:30 a.m.

**MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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			The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
**GULF BEACH**  
**APRIL 1, 2018**

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**EASTER SUNRISE**

**at Gulf Beach**

**April 1, 2018**

**7:00 a.m.**

GREETING *Pastor Dani Levine*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Nate Carr*

Leader: Why have you come this morning?

**All: We come to experience the Risen Christ.**

Leader: How will you know him?

**All: Through the love and life we feel present in this gathering of the Body of Christ.**

Leader: What will you do with this experience?

**All: We will go forth, witnesses to this amazing act of love.**

Leader: Come, then, people of God, let us worship our Easter God.

OPENING SONG “Glorious Day” (see insert for lyrics)  
Steve and Nick Bettencourt, guitarists

OPENING PRAYER *Josh Carr*

**All: O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see, you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON *Pastor Dani Levine*

EASTER MORNING MESSAGE “Three Witnesses”

SONG OF REFLECTION “The Stone” (see insert for lyrics)  
Steve and Nick Bettencourt, guitarists

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION *Pastor Dani Levine*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Offertory Music

Steve and Nick Bettencourt, guitarists

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Pastor Dani Levine*

UNISON PRAYER

*Josh Carr*

**All: O God of Easter joy, we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. May this time of worship help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ. May we be transformed, transformed into your butterfly people, winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope, and life. Amen**

BENEDICTION (Responsive) *Nate Carr*

Leader: Go forth as God’s chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced.

**All: We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.**

Leader: Go forth sustained by God’s steadfast love.

**All: We go forth transformed and transforming.**

Leader: Go forth with shouts of joy.

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

INVITATION *Pastor Dani Levine*

**Today’s Message**, “Three Witnesses” was written by Annette Wetherbee. Presenters are:

Narrator:	Ryan Lapadula	Carpenter:	Stefano Cono
Woman:	Amanda Repetsky	Soldier:	Ethan Weed

**THIS MORNING’S SERVICE** is offered to you by the Growing Up Together Spiritually (G.U.T.S) Youth Group, whose members are students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and their adult advisors. Today’s service leaders include:

Josh Carr, Nate Car, Matteo Cono, Stefano Cono, Ryan Lapadula, Amanda Repetsky, and Ethan Weed



*The Lord is Risen!*

## *Glorious Day by Casting Crowns*

(Verse 1)

One day when Heaven was filled with his praises,

One day when sin was as black as could be,

Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,

Dwelt among men, my example is He

Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

(Chorus)

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me, buried, He carried my sins far away

Rising, He justified freely forever, one day He's coming,

Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.

(Verse 2)

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, and took nails for me

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose, over death He had conquered,

Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,

One day the skies with His glories will shine,

Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing, my Savior, Jesus is mine

(Chorus 2x's)

## *The Stone by Steve Bettencourt*

(Verse 1)

Your body's but a vessel, a shell of the man you used to be.

The Son of GOD, a teacher, who taught us to believe.

You were sent, his only son. You were sacrificed.

(Chorus)

You rolled away the stone. To be the Son of God and man

The bearer of his holy plan. Forgive your denier's shame,

To be the spark for the Spirit's flame.

You rolled away the stone. Inspired those to believe,

To celebrate instead of grieve. Forgive your denier's shame,

To be the spark for the spirit's flame.

(Verse 2)

You struggled to understand, the sacrifice your father planned.

Your burden was the truth. To carry in your youth.

But you inspire those who serve, always knowing...

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

I struggle to understand, my journey my god has planned

I look to you for the truth. Give me strength to push through

You inspire to carry on. I know I'm not alone.

(Chorus)