

Transferring Membership

to RUMC:

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**All: We give thanks for all that God has
already given you and
we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ and
in this congregation of the Rockford UMC,**

**we renew our covenant faithfully
to participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness that in everything
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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Welcome to RUMC!

**Arise,
Easter People!**



Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, indeed!

Hallelujah!

**⁵ But the angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking
for Jesus who was crucified.
⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised,
as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**

Matthew 28:5-6

**⁷ 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.'**

**⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and
great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.**

Matthew 28:7-8

**⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said,
“Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold
of his feet, and worshiped him.**

**¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid;
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee;
there they will see me.”**

Matthew 28:9-10

**¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers,
¹³ telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’**

Matthew 28:12-15

¹⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

Matthew 28:14-15

What does Jesus' resurrection mean?

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God!

You must make your choice.
Either this man was, and is, the Son of God,
or else a madman or something worse.

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

What does Jesus' resurrection mean?

- 1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God!**
- 2. We are no longer slaves to sin and death!**

**But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great
love with which he loved us
⁵ even when we were dead through our
trespasses, made us alive together with Christ
—by grace you have been saved—**

Ephesians 2:4–5

**⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

Ephesians 2:6–7

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8–9

¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

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- 1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God!**
- 2. We are no longer slaves to sin and death!**
- 3. We will also rise!**

**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though
he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes
in me will never die.**

John 11:25-26

**I have been crucified with Christ;
20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ
who lives in me.**

**And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave
himself for me.**

Galatians 2:19b-20

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

**58 Therefore, my dear brothers & sisters,
stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work
of the Lord, because you know that
your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

1 Corinthians 15:58

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