

Easter

Service of Worship April 17, 2022 9:00 am
Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord

Gathering

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

(You are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross in honor of the ways in which you have experienced Christ's resurrection in your life whether it be through the death of a loved one, a new job, reconnecting with a friend, a new phase in life, letting go of a bad habit, embracing a new call, finding a new way that God is working in your life, etc. As you place your flower, give thanks for the resurrection power of Christ.)

SONGS TO FLOWER

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

"Down to the River to Pray"

"Kumbaya"

"Give Me Jesus"

"Precious Lord"

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
In his loving hands.

He's got you and me, BROTHER in his hands
He's got you and me, SISTER in his hands
He's got ALL GOD'S CHILDREN in his hands
In his loving hands.

He holds ALL the FORGOTTEN in his hands.
He holds ALL those SUFFERING in his hands.
He holds ALL those NEGLECTED in his hands.
In his loving hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
In his loving hands.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*) John 20:11-18

ONE: The stone has been rolled away.

ALL: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

ONE: The body is gone.

ALL: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

ONE: Why are you crying?

ALL: Who is it you are looking for?

ONE: Let us proclaim with Mary:

ALL: We have seen the risen Lord!

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is Risen Indeed!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross"
Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*spoken together*)

Holy God, we confess that we have not been faithful witnesses to the resurrection. Jesus stands among us in word, sacrament and neighbor, but we fail to recognize him. Jesus reigns over us as the risen Lord of all, but we fail to honor him. Jesus moves within us through the work of your spirit, but we fail to respond. Forgive us, God of grace. Keep us in your presence, guide us by your Word, and fill us with your spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of Jesus the Christ, who is risen indeed!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Jesus gathers us in to receive the Holy Spirit and sends us out to share in his reconciling work. Receive the gift of new life. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: We share the peace of Christ saying, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF HALLELUIA

"Glory, Glory Halleluia"

Spiritual

PT: Glory, Glory HALLELUIA ~ since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better ~ since I laid my burdens down.

ALL: Glory, Glory HALLELUIA ~ since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better ~ since I laid my burdens down.

**Verse: Feel like shouting "HALLELUIA!" since I laid my burdens down.
Burdens down, Lord, burdens down, Lord ~ Since I laid my burdens down.**

Chorus: Glory, Glory HALLELUIA ~ since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better ~ since I laid my burdens down.

**Verse: I am climbing Jacob's ladder ~ since I laid my burdens down.
Ev'ry round goes higher & higher ~ since I laid my burdens down.**

Chorus: Glory, Glory HALLELUIA ~ since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better ~ since I laid my burdens down.

Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

(CEB)

Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed 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.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SONG TO REFLECT

“Forgiven”

by Crowder

Praise Team

I'm the one who held the nail ~ It was cold between my fingertips
I've hidden in the garden ~ I've denied you with my very lips
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand ~ You look at me, arms open

**Forgiven forgiven, Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to ev'ry sin, you are forgiven**

I've done things I wish I hadn't done ~ I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen
Just the thought of your amazing grace ~ And I cry “Jesus, forgive me”
God I fall down to my knees with a hammer in my hand ~ You look at me, arms open

**Forgiven forgiven, Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to ev'ry sin, you are forgiven**

*I could've been six feet under ~ I could've been lost forever
Yeah I should be in that fire ~ But now there's fire inside of me
Here I am a dead man walking ~ No grave gonna hold God's people
All the weight of all our evil ~ Lifted away forever free ~ Who could believe who could believe*

**Forgiven forgiven ~ You love me even when I don't deserve it
Forgiven I'm forgiven ~ Jesus your blood makes me innocent
So I will say goodbye to ev'ry sin ~ I am forgiven.**

SERMON

“What Does It Mean?”

Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

When passing the bread say: “This is the bread of life given for you.”

When passing the wine/juice say: “This is the cup of hope poured out for you.”

Please hold the bread and cup until instructed to partake together.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

SONG TO RECEIVE

“Communion”

by Maverick City Music

Terri Monrad & Donna Goeckler, duet

Take me back to the garden ~ Lead me back to the moment I heard your voice

Take me back to communion ~ Lead me back to the moment I saw your face

And it was oh so simple ~ it was easy to love

And no space between us ~ It was easy to trust

**'Cause you are closer closer than my skin ~ And you are in the air I'm breathing in
And here's where the dead things come back to living ~ I feel my heart beating again
It feels so good to know you are my friend.**

This is the garden ~ Here in the place I find you close

This is communion ~ Here in the place I'm fully known

And it was oh so simple ~ You're so easy to love

And no space between us ~ You're so easy to trust

**'Cause you are closer closer than my skin ~ And you are in the air I'm breathing in
And here's where the dead things come back to living ~ I feel my heart beating again
It feels so good to know you are my friend. (Repeat)**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

*SONG TO SEND

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”

Spiritual

**Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!**

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, Out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, Ask my Lord if all was mine.



GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!**

Jordan River runs right cold, Chills the body not the soul.
Ain’t but one train on this track, Runs to heaven and right back.

**Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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