

Easter

Service of Worship April 17, 2022 11:00 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.)

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Sonata in D major"
Joon Park, trumpet and Linda Dover, continuo

by Arcangelo Corelli
(1683-1713)

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

ONE: Mary stood in the garden, crying outside the tomb. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

ONE: She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

ONE: Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

ONE: Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

ONE: Jesus said to her, "Mary."

ONE: She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means *Teacher*).

ONE: Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

ONE: Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

ALL: Today we rejoice and proclaim, Jesus Christ is risen!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross" arr. Paul Leddington Wright
Refrain All ... Verse 1 Parts ... Verse 2 High Voices (Unison to End) CRUCIFER
Verse 3 Low Voices ... Verse 4 All

Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary

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.

ANTHEM

"He Rose! Hallelujah!"

by Lloyd Pfautsch

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Joon Park, trumpet – Patrick O'Halloran, director

He came. He lived. He died. He rose! Hallelujah!

He healed the sick, raised the dead.

He restored sight and the hungry were fed.

He blessed the wine and blessed the bread, Hallelujah!

He lives in us! We live through him! Hallelujah!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN 352

"My Lord! What a Morning"

African American Spiritual

Refrain All Each Time ... Verse 1 Choir Only Unison ... Verse 2 & 3 All

352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

Fine

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

to Refrain

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

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!

ANTHEM

+“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Linda Dover & Chris Krug, 4-hand piano – Rebecca Prater, director

I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!

Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah!

The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love; Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah!

He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory, hallelujah!

Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah!

The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

SERMON

“What Does It Mean?”

Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“I Danced in the Morning”

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Linda Dover, organ

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 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, 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

Communion Music "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" arr. Brenda Austin

*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

"Motionally Charged"

by Matthew Prins

Charter Ringers

Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

Prayer After Communion

Sending

*HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Paul Manz

Linda Dover, organist

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

***+Today’s anthem, “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” arr. Dan Forrest
was donated in memory of Paul Thomas by Celia & Mike Nicholas, April 2022.***

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