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11:00am

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

GATHERING PRAYER

Alleluia! We praise you, O God,
for the power of your saving love
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.
As you have raised Jesus from the dead
give to us the gift of everlasting life,
that we may worship you forever;
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

HYMN: *#248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that God shows no partiality,
but welcomes and forgives all those who repent
and believe.

Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise;
you have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear what the prophets have spoken:
that everyone who believes in Christ
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 20:1-18

SERMON: "I have seen the Lord"

Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

**Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION #504 *We Come as Guests Invited*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory,

The whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: *#232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling for sharing his gifts with us today.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymns

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! #248

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us, sing Hosanna, everyone!

We Come as Guests Invited #504

1 We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

2 We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

3 One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today #232

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Alleluia - He is Risen!

Easter Flowers

IN MEMORY OF:

Kenneth Charsley
Raymond & Elizabeth Schad
Our Loved Ones
Rosemary Harrington Deuser
Dorothy Marohn
Wilma Bender
Frederick & Marjorie Klinger
James & Joan Martinelli
Elizabeth Crossan

GIVEN BY:

The Family
The Family
The Burns Family
Nathan & Adam Harrington
Laura & Alvin
Mary Bender
The Martinelli Family
The Martinelli Family
Jane Crossan

IN HONOR OF:

Douglas Crossan
Her Daughters

GIVEN BY:

Jane Crossan
Mary Ferro

