

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Introit
"Day of Joy" Chancel Choir
Williams/Martin

Greeting/Life of the Church

Reading 1: The Mourning – John 20:1 (*Liturgist*)

Response "Low in the Grave He Lay" (v.1, no refrain) UMH #322

Reading 2: The Investigation – John 20:2-10 (*Liturgist*)

Response "Low in the Grave He Lay" (v.2, no refrain) UMH #322

**Reading 3: The Encounter – John 20:11-20 (*Pastor*)

Response "Low in the Grave He Lay" (v.3, & refrain) UMH #322

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Liturgist: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Death never gets the final word.

Liturgist: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

All: Alleluia! He is risen indeed.

**Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v. 1-4) UMH #302

**Opening Prayer (unison)

Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. Amen.

Children's Moments

Offering/Offertory

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good. You have been our help and hope, calling us to be help and hope for the world. You live among us, calling us to share life and love with all creation. Bless the gifts we bring before you, that they may be signs of your life, hope, and love. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Christ is Risen Indeed!" Hannibal/Harris

Sermon "Giving It Up: Death" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*served in the pews*) (See Insert)

Thanksgiving After Communion

Triune God, you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, uniting us with you, filling us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Send us, rejoicing, to declare with Mary, in our hearts, hands, and voices, that the day has dawned, and we have seen the Risen Lord. Amen.

**Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH #327

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir
"May the God of Grace and Power" Nettleton/Harlan

Postlude



*If you purchased flowers,
you may pick them up
immediately following the
Worship service.*



Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-20 (NIV)

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.



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Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Will Mossing, Jim Osburn
Greeters	The College Crew
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Guest Organist	Mike Klontz
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



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 Scripture Lesson
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Pastor: Alleluia. The risen Christ is with us.

People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Death is conquered! Sin's power is broken.

People: Praise to you, Conquering God!

Pastor: We have seen your glory.

People: And we are yours!

Pastor: We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices.

People: Yours, all yours!

Pastor: Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before creation, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space our instruments may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

People: We stand in awe, trembling in the light of your glory! What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke, and you continuously sustained.

Pastor: Mercy! How full of mercy! How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

People: Jesus Christ, who comes in our God's name, you are worthy, worthy! Lamb of God, who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy! Hosanna we sing! Hosanna we sing!

Pastor: You are holy, O God! Holy!

People: You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy!

Pastor: Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

People: Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

Pastor: Worthy when you preached good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and gather disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed, new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

People: Worthy! Worthy! Worthy above all!

Pastor: Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

People: We remember.

Pastor: Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

People: We remember.

Pastor: And on this day of days, we proclaim above all, worthy were you when the angels rolled away the stone, and you came forth from the tomb, trampling down death by death and to all in the graves restoring life.

People: We remember, and we praise you with our lives.

Pastor: We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and cup, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit. Come upon these gifts. Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

People: Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his blood. One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit, as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

Liturgist: That we with Mary Magdalene may proclaim the gospel boldly:

All: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist: That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary:

All: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist: That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished:

All: Hear us, God.

Liturgist: That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

All: Hear us, O God.

Liturgist: That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed, and downcast may be set free at last.

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Pastor: Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb and our Easter rejoicing shall know no end.

All: All blessing, honor, glory, and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

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