



He is not here. He is risen!

**Order of Worship
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday
8:30 and 11:00**

*11:00 Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

Welcome

Prelude

Alleluiah!

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Susan Whitman (8:30); Quinn Hetherington (11:00)

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God!

***Opening Prayer**

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

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Children's Message**Morning Prayer****The Lord's Prayer**

All Praying

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music*Hallelujah*

Choir w/Brenda Krens on Bells

Prayer for Illumination*All Praying*

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading (NRSV)*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Resurrection (NIV)*John 20:1-18***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.

Sermon

Speak Life

Pastor Debra

Prayer of Confession

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord? Is seeing truly believing? Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear? Yet you are faithful—you give sight to the blind, you carry us when we are weary, you call us to your side. The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key. Speak your words of life to us again: "Do not doubt, only believe." Speak your words of life, that we might live.

Words of Assurance

The peace of God be with you. Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead. Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst, and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other's faces. Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

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This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Invitation to The Offering

Yes, Christ is risen – Alleluia!

God keeps His promises, and we are filled with joy on this Easter Sunday morning. New life is ours, and hope is ours as well. Let us respond to God's great works and God's great gifts in our life together as the church by sharing what we have been given.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Hymn of Praise

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication* (All Praying)

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Through these offerings, may life be spoken. Amen

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Benediction

And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May God produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all this is pleasing to him. To God be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sung Benediction

He Lives

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

Postlude

Alleluiah, Christ is Risen

Up From the Grave He Arose

*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

Refrain:

*Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He is risen!

He is risen!

Christ is risen today!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Sing your praise this Easter day!

Hallelujah! Shout with gladness!

*He has triumphed o'er the grave!
Ring the bells and sound the trumpet
Death is banished from the tomb.
Heavenly angels sing, Hosanna!
Celebrate and spread the news!
Mortals join the happy chorus
which the morning sun began.
Love divine is reigning us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Onward singing,
Hallelujah! All rejoice in Thee.
Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Ring the bells and sound the trumpet.
Death is banished from the tomb.
Onward singing,
Hallelujah! Celebrate the news!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is risen!
He is risen!
Christ is risen today!*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.*

*The highest place that heaven affords
belongs to him by right;
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.*

*The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.*

*To them the cross with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.*

*They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.*

*The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him,
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.*