

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Introit

Shout for Joy (Dan Davison)

Voices In Praise Youth Choir, Directed by Holly Reynolds Lee

Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth; Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. **Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Amen.**

Hymn*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

Opening Prayer* (Unison, Gelasian Sacramentary, 5th C.)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Sacrament of Baptism

Hayley Ann Mayer
Parents: Robert & Lindsay Mayer

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Debbie Englar

Words of Assurance (I Timothy 1: 15)

L: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am foremost.

P: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen.**

Anthems

Jubilant Song (Pote)

Voices In Praise

When the Role Is Called Up Yonder (J.Black /arr. D. Ulreich)

Gospel Reading*

John 20:19-31

Debbie Englar

Hymn*

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

Sermon

"Doubting Thomas"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.



Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Voices In Praise Chamber Choir

Hymn*

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

TFWS 2084

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



CCC Preschool Board – We need some help on CCC Preschool board. Are you interested and available to serve? Please see Pastor Byron

Welcome Voices In Praise (VIP) Youth Choir – Voices In Praise is a faith-centered, community youth choir made up of 40+ students in Grades 6-12, based out of Huntingtown, Maryland in northern Calvert County. Now in their 25th year, led by Director Holly Reynolds Lee, they have performed all over the world.

Church 101 – A New 4-Week Introductory Class on Christianity and the Bible

Hello Sunday School parents, young couples, and baptism families! If you're relatively new to the faith, and would like to go over some basics, this class is for you. Please join us on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am, April 23rd, 30, & May 7 & 14. Room 101; Coffee will be provided.

Habitat for Humanity/VIM Faith Build April 29, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please join us for our next Faith Build workday. We would like to have ten volunteers on site at 416 Ohio Street, Havre de Grace. We'll know what kind of work we'll be doing when we get closer to the date. Contact Randy Wentzel <wentzel@hotmail.com>

Registration link: <https://habitatsusq.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=9944>

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies: who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead; he rose, the Prince of life and peace, and stamped the day forever his.

This is the day that the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed, may feel his resurrection's power, and rise again, to fall no more, in perfect righteousness renewed, and filled with all the life of God.

Then let us render him his own, with solemn prayer approach his throne, with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record, our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.