

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 9:15 AM

### Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

### Call to Worship (By Beth Merrill Neel)

A love that never ceases...  
A creativity that designed the universe...  
A hope that cannot be quenched...  
A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost...  
These are the things that are of God.

**Let us worship our loving Creator God. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

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### Opening Prayer (Unison)

Rev. Lynn Boyd

**We come into your presence this morning, LORD, first as strangers who become friends, and then as friends who become your family. Thank you for the sacred community that you call your people. Thank you for the sacred community that you call your Church. Help us continue to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to continue to expand our embrace, that all may come to know you as LORD, that all might come to know of your gracious welcome, and that all might come to know that in your presence we are loved by you as we are. Amen.**

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

### Moment for Ministry

Flower Mart

Leah Clague

### Special Music

BAUMC Quartet

### Centering Prayer (BWCUMC Adapted)

Gracious God, when hatred is given voice, when racism goes unchallenged, when poverty is overlooked, when violence doesn't unsettle, when unity is far away...

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

When words fail, when people disappoint, when abuse is hidden, when shame overwhelms, when loneliness seem insurmountable... **Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

BUT... it is Easter! BUT it's a new day! BUT, goodness has won the battle over evil.

May words heal. May faithfulness abound. May truth conquer and honor and integrity prevail. **Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

A song of love is rising. A day of equity will come. A Jubilee will be proclaimed. Swords will become plowshares. Your people will sing with one voice of your overwhelming love.

May it be so. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Silent Prayers of Confession, Help & Deliverance

### Words of Assurance (Psalm 103:8)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Scripture

1 Corinthians 15: 35-44; 51-57

Hymn

He Lives

UMH 310

Sermon

Resurrection Body (Part 2)

Rev. Byron E. Brought

### Special Music for Reflection

### Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

### Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service, and your witness.

**Love as Jesus Loves!**



### ***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 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.

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: 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**

### ***He Lives***

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer  
And just the time I need him, he's always near

**He lives (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), he lives (he lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know he lives; he lives within my heart**

In all the world around me I see his loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of his appearing will come at last **(Refrain)**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind **(Refrain)**

### ***Easter People, Raise Your Voices***

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; 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 risen Lord empowers 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.