

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Prelude

Sonata in E Minor, J.S. Bach

Lauren Zwonik, Flute &
Deb Lampton, Piano

Call to Worship (St. Hippolytus A.D. 190-236)

Christ is Risen! Hell lies desolate.

Christ is Risen! The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen! The angels of God are rejoicing.

Christ is Risen! The tombs of the dead are empty.

Christ is Risen from the dead! The first of all the sleepers;
Glory and power are God's forever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (v.1-4)

UMH 302

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through your 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.

Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

UMH 306

Affirmation of Faith (I Corinthians 15: 1-6 & Colossians 1: 15-20)

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 Chosen 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.

Special Music

Handbell Choir, Directed by Amy Adkins

Prayer of Confession

Jory Fisher

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world.

We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things of this world are shadows, but you are the source... they are quick sands, but you are the mountain... they are shifting, but you are the anchor. We plead your forgiveness and grace. Accept Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our sins, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. All this, we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Because of the love of God poured out through the grace of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

Jory Fisher

Hymn

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

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Sermon

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music for Reflection

Handbell Choir

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

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!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Up from the Grave He Rose

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

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)

With a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (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) 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**