

2nd Sunday after Easter – April 11th, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise the LORD from the heights.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD whose name alone is exalted,
Whose glory is above the earth and heaven. Amen!**

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

Opening Prayer (United Methodist Book of Worship)

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Christ is Alive (verses 1-2 & 4-5)

UMH 318

Centering Prayer (BWCUMC Prayer)

God of power, love, and resurrection:

We rise today lighter than our world would dictate because of the light we have in you.

We rise today stronger because you've conquered death,

More humble because you have shown yourself merciful,

And more open because you've made a way for us to experience the newness of life.

We rise today grateful for the sacrifice of your son, knowing that none of us is worthy of a drop of his blood, sweat, or tears. Yet out of loving-kindness and obedience, he gave and paid it all.

Help us, God, in this Eastertide and always, to spread your light, to share your love, and to acknowledge the victory won at Calvary.

May the empty tomb fill us with joy and compassion.

May the startling and affirming news that your Word is alive and true continue to fill us with wonder, curiosity, and the courage to take the next faithful step.

When that step is painful, comfort us.

When we tiptoe rather than stand, stable us.

When we become comfortable with evil and injustice because it is commonplace,

Stretch us more into the uncommon likeness of Jesus Christ your son.

In whose name we pray and say, **AMEN.**

Hymn Response

He Is Lord

UMH 177

Silent Prayers of Confession, Help & Deliverance

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.**

Special Music (Video)

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

BAUMC Virtual Choir
Directed by Dave Tramontana

Scripture and Sermon

Rev. Edgardo Rivera, Rev. John Wunderlich, & Rev. Wanda Duckett
District Superintendents of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

Special Music for Reflection

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Easter Poem (Video) *What of the Resurrection?*
Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Baltimore-Washington Conference

Hymn (Video) *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

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!

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,
Rich 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.

Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now, and dwell in every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,

Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.