

3rd Sunday after Easter – April 18th, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Call to Worship

Open our mouths, LORD... **and we shall declare your praise! Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice continually in your glorious and triumphant victory over death. Your triumph is our triumph. Your victory is our victory. All that we have in this world, and all that we have in the next, comes from you as the source of life and life eternal. Thank you for your gift of love, which allows us to live for you and for others without fear of hell and death. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Special Music (Video)

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Handel)

Devonna Rowe

Moment for Ministry

The Homestead Update

John Caspero

Easter Prayer (BWCUMC Adapted)

God of New Beginnings, we pause in grateful thanksgiving for the flowers breaking through the ground in myriad colors. For the buds bursting forth on trees. For the grass that's turning green. For the birds that are chirping. For the sounds of new life all around us.

Loving Creator, we're ever mindful that amidst the challenges of life with all of its complications, your great love is new every morning.

Thank you for the love expressed in the gift of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the life of hope that is available to us because of his resurrection from the grave.

May the new life of his resurrection be evidenced in our relationship with one another as we journey toward becoming the beloved community: people of every nation, race, creed, and tongue.

Raise us daily to new life above the noise, the hatred, the greed, the racism, and the evil of this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. **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.

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; 26

Sermon

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music for Reflection

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

UMH 315

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!



Thine Be The Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain**

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**

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,

his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.