

EASTER – APRIL 12, 2020, 9:15 am

Prelude

Welcome & Candle Lighting

Greeting

L: Christ is Risen!

P: He is Risen indeed!

L: Friends, this is a day of rejoicing! Let us proclaim the victory of this marvelous day!

P: Glory to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

Opening Hymn

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

UMH 302

Opening Prayer

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

Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

Easter 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.

Video Greeting from Our Youth

Scripture

John 20: 1-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the

tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

Sermon

Offering Reflection with Special Music (Soloist)

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

He Lives

UMH 310



Hymn Lyrics

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

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

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Up From the Grave He Arose

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

**Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph 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!
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)**

Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

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

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

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

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.

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

He Lives

I serve a risen Saviour, 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! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.**

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)**