



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

4 April 2021 – 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Lisa Hoelsing

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

ACCLAMATION

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

All: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up our broken pieces and makes new life.

All: Praise God, who gives us the victory in Jesus Christ.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESURRECTION RING

Please ring your bell along with the choir!

If you don't have a bell, use keys, or spoons, or pots and pans to make a joyful noise!

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Al – le-lu-ia!
Mortal tongues and angels say, Al – le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al – le-lu-ia!
Sing glad 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 Christ rise, Al – le-lu-ia!
God has opened paradise, 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 Christ, like Christ we rise, Al – le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al – le-lu-ia!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

Sing Praise to the Lord
Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director

C. Hubert Parry

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9

Devon Obert

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

ANTHEM *Glory, Glory Hallelujah* African -American Spiritual
Jazz on High
Lori Rivera, vocals; Art Alm, piano; Steve Uccello, bass; Renata Bratt, cello; Zack Olsen, percussion

SERMON *Happy!* Pastor Dave

MEDITATION *I Come to the Garden Alone* C. Austin Miles
Jazz on High

OFFERTORY

Invitation www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving
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Offertory Music *Now the Green Blade Riseth* Franklin Ritter

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Dave & the Rev. Beverly Brook

MEDITATION *You Shall Have A Song* Harriet Ziegenhals
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1181 to October 3, 1226)

BENEDICTION Pastor Dave

POSTLUDE *Happy!* Pharrell Williams
Jazz on High