



PINEHURST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

“Easter Light” Handbell Choir (indoor)
“You Are My All in All” Darlene Skinner (outdoor)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ, in your triumph over the grave
and your resurrection from death, the heavens and earth rejoice!

People: We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over sin!

Leader: On the mountain of the Lord,
all people will feast and all wine shall be poured!

People: We praise you, O God!
For you have prepared a table before us and our cups overflow!

Leader: The Lord has swallowed up death forever;
the Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

People: We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to life!

Leader: The disgrace of God’s people has been taken away from the earth
because the Lord has spoken!

People: We praise you, O God! For you have given us joy and gladness!

All: Let us worship the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

**Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through the victory of Jesus Christ.**
**We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 4

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*
- ³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Shepherd’s Amazing Grace” Handbell Choir (inside)
“Only by Grace” Tory Wright & Darlene Skinner (outside)

OFFERING

Out of gratitude for all God has given us, we respond by giving back to God’s world around us. Donate locally to offer your talents toward building up our community, and also consider giving financially by mailing a check to the church or donating online at pinehurstumc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be

fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

“Losers’ Church”

Pastor David

FINAL SONG

“Running”

Connections Praise Band

We're ready at the line looking out
We're looking out to all that's ahead
When every heart confesses Your Name
We're pressing on towards that day
We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop

We're letting go of every mistake
Throwing off the chains of restraint
And all that will remain; a passion for Your Name
Burning as we run this race
We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop

[Chorus]

'Cause we are running
Chasing after all that You are
We are running
'Cause all that You are
Is all that we want now

And every stride is taken in faith
And every step compelled by Your grace
We're taking up our cross, no matter what the cost
We give it all to go Your way

We're never gonna stop
We're never gonna stop

[Chorus 2x]

Onwards we draw towards Your light
Desperate we seek to know You more and more
Further we look beyond ourselves
To Your love
To Your love

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[Chorus 2x]

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy and righteous God,
you raised Christ from the dead
and glorified him at your right hand.
Let the words of scripture,
fulfilled in Jesus your Son,
burn within our hearts
and open our minds to recognize him
in the breaking of bread. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Darlene Skinner (indoors)