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Front Street United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Easter



Call to Worship

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Lord of Life, by submitting to death you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of your death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

Please sing along with the lyrics below.

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all things their creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All the redeemed washed by His blood,
come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin.
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Word, Read & Proclaimed

1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19–31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”

Offering & Meditation

Use this time to share your tithes and offerings through online giving, and to recommit yourselves to the way of Jesus.

You may also use the artwork of today’s Gospel lesson on the following page to prayerfully reflect on today’s Scripture and conversation.

During this time the Aldersgate band will be offering an arrangement of “Blessed Assurance.”



Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again,
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

And now with confidence as children of God, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn: Thine Be the Glory
 See music and lyrics below.

Benediction

May the grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ grant to us and to all God's children resilience and strength for the days ahead, that we might show forth his light in the world; in the name of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE . . .

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1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its - sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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