



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Easter

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Rondeau

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The Call to Worship

Leader: The darkness is banished!

People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead.

People: Christ is alive forevermore!

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

All: Amen.

The Processional Hymn No. 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Christ the Lord is Risen today!

Alleluia!

Our hopes and dreams have come true.

We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us.

**Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead
and given to us new life.**

**Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God.
Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by
serving others.
In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.**

The Greetings and Concerns of the Parish

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

1. Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowers us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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The Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:1-121

The Sermon

The Past is Not Always Prologue

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 Gloria Patri No. 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Hilariter (Be Joyful)

K. Lee Scott

Let all the world with joy resound, hilariter, hilariter!
For Christ the pow'rs of death cast'd down, alleluia, alle, alleluia!

Throughout the earth his praises sing, hilariter, hilariter!
Let all the courts of heaven ring, alleluia, alle, alleluia!

The singing birds lift high their voice; hilariter, hilariter!
The trees in verdure all rejoice, alleluia, alle, alleluia!

The sun more brightly mounts the sky, hilariter, hilariter!
To honor him, our Lord most high, alleluia, alle, alleluia!

To God, the Father, Son be giv'n hilariter, hilariter!
With Spirit, praise in highest heav'n, alleluia, alle, alleluia!

Sing alle, alleluia!

Friedrich von Spee, 1591-1635
tr. K. Lee Scott

The Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn No. 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

The Benediction

The Postlude

Thank You, Lord

Traditional

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***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning
and throughout the week to make this worship possible.***

***The Easter flowers are in remembrance of my mother,
Joyce Ann Piercy, and her love of Easter lilies.***

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Luke 24:1-12

The Resurrection of Jesus

²⁴ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women^[b] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.