



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

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

The Prelude

Minuet (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)

G. F. Handel

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Chorale Prelude for Brass Quintet

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Canzon 1

Paul Peuerl

Sebastian Ford and Noah Mendoza, trumpets
Joy McDonald, French horn; Gabriel Luciano, trombone; Noah Mason, tuba

The Introit

'Tis the Spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

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: Almighty God, through your only Son
you overcame death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we who celebrate our
Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Announcements

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter pages 839

Psalms 118:14-29

*The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone.
All other responses will be sung by everyone.*

Ps. 118:24
Richard Proulx

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce and be glad.

Response

- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
- ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly! ”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ **The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

20 **This is the gate of the Lord,
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Response

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

22 **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 **This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Response

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God,
who has given us light.
**Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!**

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

29 **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

Response

The Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

The Hymn No. 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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The Sermon

Unnerved by Easter

Dr. Matt Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 – *The Apostle’s 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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Christ, Our Passover

Will C. MacFarlane

Emily Downey, soprano; Lauren Maho, alto
Todd Minnich, tenor; Taylor Jarrell, bass

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leav’n,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over Him.
For in that He died, He died unto sin once:
but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.
likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ is risen from the dead:

and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Text from 1 Corinthians and Romans

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. 610 *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!
4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

The Benediction

The Choral Response

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

The Postlude

Canzona per Sonare No. 2
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Giovanni Gabrieli

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

The Easter flowers this morning are in remembrance of my mother, Joyce Ann Piercy, and her love of Easter lilies by Susan Rorrer.

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, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its 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.

John 20:1-18

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. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then 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

¹¹ But 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 touch 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.

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