

# Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano • Shane Courville, Trumpet  
Chris DiMarco, Baritone • Mary Elliott, Soprano • Marty Matutis, Tenor • Minji Will, Alto

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### Prelude

*Trumpet Concerto: Allegro*  
by Johann Melchior Molter

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we slow down.**

**Today we take it all in.**

**Today we rest in good news.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today we are singing.**

**Today we are full to the brim.**

**Today joy cannot be contained.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Today the stone was rolled away.**

**Today the women saw the empty grave.**

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**Today we know—death does not win.**

This day is not like any other day.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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### + Opening Hymn

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

United Methodist Hymnal #302

verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

#### Verse 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!

#### Verse 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!

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## Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

## Verse 6

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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## Prayer of Confession

with Pastor Jeremiah

*God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter mornin – to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray.  
Amen.*

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## Words of Forgiveness

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

United Methodist Hymnal #191

## Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Psalter

*Psalms 118*

verses 2 & 3

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**Cantor Sings [x2]**

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!!

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## Congregational Sung Response [x2]

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!!

### Verse 2

The hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r,  
God's right hand is exalted,  
I shall not die, but live a new,  
declaring the works of the Lord.

### Sung Response

### Verse 3

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,  
the Lord of love and mercy  
has brought wonder to our eyes.

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## Gospel

*Luke 24:1-12*

with Bob Kinsman

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<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; <sup>3</sup> but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While

they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? <sup>6</sup> Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee— <sup>7</sup> that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." <sup>8</sup> With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them. <sup>9</sup> When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. <sup>10</sup> The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

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## Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

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## Hymn of Preparation

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*Messiah: The Trumpet Shall Sound*

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## Sermon Preparation

May the words of my mouth,  
*and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to your Spirit,  
our Rock and our Redeemer.*

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## Sermon

*New Life*

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Affirmation of Faith

with Pastor Hannah

We believe in a God who can astound us—

*a God who created the mountains of Colorado, the  
stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.*

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—

*an example of love for those on the fringes, healing  
for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.*

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends,  
wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

*And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life  
began again — the stone was rolled back, as death  
lost its sting.*

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting  
us into an expansive life—

*a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life  
full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter,  
saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.*

Death has lost its sting.

*We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.*

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## Hymn of Response

*Christ Is Alive*

United Methodist Hymnal #318

verses 1 & 5

### Verse 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.

### Verse 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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## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Offertory

*Messiah: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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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!

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## Prayer of Dedication

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Announcements

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*O God Beyond All Praising*

The Faith We Sing #2009

verse 1 & 2

### Verse 1

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

### Verse 2

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

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we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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## **Benediction**

with Pastor Hannah

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## **Postlude**

*Messiah: Hallelujah Chorus*

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