



## Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Radiant God, you have come into our lives in the mystery of the Resurrected Christ. Alleluia! Open our spirits that we might experience your glory.

Reveal to us the mystery of the ages.

Dazzle us with light that transforms.

Excite us with a message that kindles hope.

In the name of the ever-living Christ, we pray. Amen.

### Call to Worship

**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.

Today we know – death does not win.

**This day is not like any other day.**

Alleluia! Amen.

### Opening Hymn: Welcome, Happy Morning (Voices United 161)

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*rev. Hymns for Today's Church 1982*

*Music: Frances Ridley Havergal 1971*

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- 1 Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:  
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;  
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!  
*Refrain* Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
- 2 Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
greeted with life reviving our returning king:  
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,  
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now! *Refrain*
- 3 Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;  
you for our salvation trod the path of death:  
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!  
Now let all creation hail him and adore. *Refrain*
- 4 Loose our souls imprisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
all that now is fallen, raise to life again!  
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;  
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you. *Refrain*

### Call to Confession

Family of faith,

it is our tradition to have a prayer of confession each week – not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet.

So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.

### Prayer of Confession

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 the Easter  
morning – 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.

### Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

if there is life after death, then you can be certain –  
there is life after mess.

There is life after mistakes.

There is life after doubt.

There is new life freely given, and that life is for you.

You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.

May we live full to the brim in response.

**Thanks to be God, and let it be so.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### **Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** (Voices United 155)

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- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

### Scripture Readings

The New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Reflection: "An Expansive Life"

Beginning at Jerusalem

The Work of the People

### Affirmation of Faith (Bill, light; Nancy & Congregation, **bold**)

We believe in a God who can astound us –

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

We believe in Jesus, whose examples 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.**

**Hymn of the Day: I See a New Heaven (Voices United 713)**

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*Refrain* I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. *Refrain*
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born  
again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. *Refrain*
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love. *Refrain*

- 4 There, there where we work with the love of healing  
hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land. *Refrain*

**Invitation to Offering**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.

**Offering Prayer**

**Loving God, Creator, and Sustainer,  
may these gifts, given gratefully,  
be brought to life through  
the power of your creative spirit.  
Multiply and use them to bring the word  
and the touch of Jesus to your people  
in this place and throughout the world. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Parting Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**

(Voices United 574)

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- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame,  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

**Benediction**

Holy Mystery,

We go forth to live resurrection:

In the name of the God who makes us,  
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,  
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon and Nancy Walker  
Music Leader – Elaine Zandee  
Vocalists – Peggy Dayton and Ruthe Tiessen  
Musicians – Joe Bradley, Stephen Godfrey, John Hobbs,  
Kate Insley and Kathy Rassenti  
Greeters – Alan Priestley and Krystal Priestley  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Scripture Reading – Jiemei Li  
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat  
Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Bill Walker  
Flowers for the service are offered by Christine Smith  
in celebration of the life of her husband, Dave Smith.