

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 16, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Yes, I Know My Saviour Lives

by Lani Smith

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ is alive for us,
hope is revived in us,
strength is renewed in us,
pardon is received by us.
We light the Christ candle to celebrate
the peace sent to us on Easter morn.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn: Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

(More Voices 121)

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Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

1 Jesus loved people and he made them friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

2 Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

- 3 Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.
- 4 Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.
- 5 Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

A Time to Wonder

Anthem

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Reflection: "I Want to Believe"

Hymn of the Day: **Put Your Hand In the Hand**

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Refrain

**Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself
And you can look at others differently
Put your hand in the hand of the man
From Galilee**

Every time I look into the Holy Book
I wanna tremble.
When I read about the part where a carpenter
cleared the temple.
For those buyers and the sellers were no diff'rent people
than what I profess to be.
And it causes me shame to know
I'm not the one that I should be. *Refrain x 2*

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: Now Thank We All Our God (Voices United 236, v. 3)

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Fr. Tr. Flossette du Pasquier 1950 rév.; Music: John Crüger 1647
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All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we respond to your gift of Jesus, risen and alive. With joy and thanksgiving our hearts sing Alleluia! Bless these offerings that make our service within this church compassionate and effective. Bless too the portion that enables our love to be felt across this nation and in many parts of the world. We pray in the name of your blessed risen One. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Thine Is the Glory (Voices United 173)

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry 1884; trans. by Richard Birch Hoyle 1923
Music: Harmonia Sacra ca. 1753; arr. from George Frideric Handel 1747*

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude: Gloria from the Twelfth Mass

Wolfgang A. Mozart, Abridged by George Blake

Worship Leadership - Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership - Sharon Prindle-Collins
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Arnette Anderson
Greeters – Moira Dennis and Krystal Priestley
Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker
Technical Support – Bill Walker and Rob Glenn
Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group
Flowers for the service are offered by Carol-Ann and David Staples
in memory of their much-loved grandson Elliot Eurchuk
who died at age 16 and will be forever loved and missed.
Flowers are also offered by John and Pat MacLeod
in memory of their daughter, Carolyn MacLeod.