

WHITEHOUSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RESURRECTION SUNDAY—1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 12, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP—Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen!

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DOXOLOGY—UMH 94

*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!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN—Christ the Lord Is Risen Today UMH 302, vv. 1-4

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING—Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but

God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

**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.**

GLORIA PATRI—UMH 70

*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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC—Was it a Morning Like This? Linda Compton, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING—Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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HYMN—In the Garden UMH 314

*1. I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear  
falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain*

*And he walks with me,  
and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share  
as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

*2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody  
that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing.  
-Refrain-*

*3. I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go;  
thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling.  
-Refrain-*

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING—John 20:1-18

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to 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."' Mary 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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SERMON—Alone with the Risen Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 who 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.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN—The Day of Resurrection UMH 303

*1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.*

*2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE—This Easter Celebration by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette ©2020

*1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.  
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.*

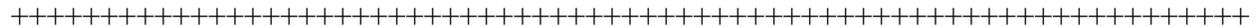
*2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.*

*3. Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.*

*4. In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.*

*5. We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.*

POSTLUDE



Rev. Trey Burns	Pastor
Karn Schmidt	Lay Leader
Jerry Compton	Music Minister
Dr. Sarah Roberts	Pianist
Linda Compton	Vocalist
Dr. Micah Bell	Guest Musician

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