



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME&. PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

by Nancy C. Townley

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.
Walk in the light of his love.
Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!
Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.
Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. *I know that my Redeemer lives;
what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head!*

2. *He lives, to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives by hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.*

3. *He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my future to prepare;
he lives, to bring me safely there.*

4. *He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - words by Samuel Medley; music attr. to John Hatton

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†AFFIRMATION

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.**

†RESPONSE

The 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.*

"Glory be to the Father" - words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

With All My Heart

by Joel Raney

†OFFERING MOMENT & 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!*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera; CCLI #1550924
music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

†HYMN

*1. Man of Sorrows!
what a name for the Son of God,
who came ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Hallelujah! What a Savior
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

UMH 165

*3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*4. Lifted up was he to die;
“It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*5. When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

"Hallelujah! What a Savior" - words and music by Philip P. Bliss

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†SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 6:8-7:2a; 7:51-60

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, ‘We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.’ ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, ‘This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.’ ¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

⁷Then the high priest asked him, ‘Are these things so?’ ²And Stephen replied:

HOMEWORK: GO AND READ THE FULL SPEECH!

⁵¹‘You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.’

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Victory in Jesus: Historic Victory

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

*O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.*

O Jesus, I Have Promised, vv. 1-2, 4

*I let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.*

UMH 396

*O Jesus, though hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.*

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" - words by John E. Bode; music by Arthur H. Mann

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†BENEDCITION

by Amy Loving, based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 & Acts 10:39-43

Remember the Good News that we have received and proclaimed this day–
the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

We will remember and hold tightly to the truth we proclaim with joy!

Christ died for our sins, just as the scriptures said that he would.

But the story doesn't end in death. Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!

We are witnesses to this Good News, and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

We will testify to all that Christ is Lord! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Council will meet today, following worship, in Pike Hall.

Don't forget about our summer activities! WUMC's will be going on our UM ARMY mission trip June 20-25, and we'll be going to Lakeview Camp July 5-9. If you know any students who would want to participate in either of these events or any adults who want to come along as volunteers, let us know! Contact Pastor Trey for more info or to get registration instructions.

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PRAYER LIST

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| Janet Weaver | The Loros | Jennie Townsend | Harold Marshall |
| Sandra Walton | Brenda Caps | Betty Garner | Bert Gardner |
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