



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—APRIL 4, 2021—9:30 AM

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

SPECIAL MUSIC

Resurrection Victory

WUMC Chancel Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

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We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, vv. 1-4

UMH 302

*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!*

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - words by Charles Wesley; music from *Lyra Davidica*

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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.

EASTER PRAYER

UM Book of Worship #395

God of power and majesty:

With the rising of the sun you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from death's destruction. We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life.

Especially we thank you

for all victories over sin and evil in our lives...

for loyalty and love of friends and family...

for the newborn, the newly baptized, and those now in your eternal home...

for the renewal of nature...

for the continuing witness of Christ's church...

God of eternity:

You are present with us because of Christ's rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us up to new life in him. We bring you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.

Especially we pray

for nations and peoples in strife...
for the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...
for those we know and love in distressing circumstances...
for those who are sick and those who are dying...
for all who follow the risen Christ...

We lift these prayers to you in the name of that same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunrise Resurrection

WUMC Chancel Choir

†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;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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†HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.*

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - words by William M. James; music by Henry T. Smart Words © 1979 The United Methodist Publishing House. CCLI #1550924

†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

A Story With No End

Rev. Trey Burns

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us trust your power to make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Time of Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

by Stephen M. Fearing, adapted

Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave!

That which has been dead is alive! No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Alleluia! 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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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery under sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Because He Lives, vv. 1 & 3

UMH 364

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

"Because He Lives" - words by Gloria & William J. Gaither; music by William J. Gaither © 1971 William J. Gaither CCLI #1550924

†BENEDCITION

based on Romans 6:10 & Hebrews 13:20, from the Lutheran Church of Australia, adapted

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us this day and every day. Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're joining us for the live stream and would like to take Communion, come to the church between the end of serve and noon. Pastor Trey will be waiting by the carport to give you the sacrament.

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PRAYER LIST

- Janet Weaver, Sandra Walton, Gage Hendley, Kristen Longfellow, Janice Dupree, Jason Krob, Ryan Baron, The Wilkes, Our Schools, Our community, The Loros, Brenda Caps, Lauren Lawler, Guy De LaMarter, Ben Dintelman, Luke Shaeffer, Bobbie Akers, Our Country, Members of our military, Jennie Townsend, Betty Garner, Cindy North, Teresa Mitchum Hughes, The Lintners, Gene Ruelle, Bri Benoit, Matt Lockwood, Our church family, First Responders, Harold Marshall, Bert Gardner, Kelly Kea, Paul Rider, Hannah Dintelman, Jackie Campbell, Our children's ministry, Our Schools, Our elected officials

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