

7 a.m. Sunrise Service

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Gather in darkness and solitude

Chiming the hour

“Then Came the Morning”

Mark Hixon

Welcome

Pastor Chansin Esparza

†Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God!

†Opening Hymn UMH #302 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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!

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!

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!

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†The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the Faith Community

Mark Hixon

Scripture Lesson
Sermon

John 20:1-18
“The Courage to Love”

Pastor David McNitzky

Special Musical Offering

Thad Noland

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Chansin Esparza

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. . . .

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 he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . . .

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. . . .

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The drink over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Pastor Chansin will guide you through the opening of your communion elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†Closing Hymn UMH #322 “Up from the Grave He Arose”

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain **Up from the grave he arose,**

With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (*Refrain*)

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†Benediction

Pastor David McNitzky

Postlude

Thad Noland

†Please stand as you are able