

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Death never gets the final word.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in this day of salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

*Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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Pastoral Prayer

Living God,
rejoicing in this day of resurrection,
we have come to celebrate
the strength of your love—
a love that triumphs even over death.
As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love,
we thank you for the opportunity
to encounter the Risen Christ
here in our midst.
Open our ears to hear your Word
proclaimed in this place.
Open our hearts to know your Love
offered in this congregation.
Open our eyes to see your Presence
blessing us in this moment. AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Honoring God with our Tithes and Offerings and Praises

Invitation to give

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Hymn

He Lives

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Scripture

John 20:1-18

20 Before the sun had risen on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene made a trip to the tomb where His body was laid to rest. In the darkness, she discovered the covering had been rolled away. ²She darted out of the garden to find Simon Peter and the dearly loved disciple to deliver this startling news.

Mary Magdalene: They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find Him!

³Together, they all departed for the tomb to see for themselves. ⁴They began to run, and Peter could not keep up. The beloved disciple arrived first ⁵but did not go in. There was no corpse in the tomb, only the linens and cloths He was wrapped in. ⁶When Simon Peter finally arrived, he went into the tomb and observed the same: ⁷the cloth that covered His face appeared to have been folded carefully and placed, not with the linen cloths, but to the

side. ⁸ After Peter pointed this out, the other disciple (who had arrived long before Peter) also entered the tomb; and based on what he saw, faith began to well up inside him! ⁹ Before this moment, none of them understood the Scriptures and why He must be raised from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they all went to their homes.

¹¹ Mary, however, stood outside the tomb sobbing, crying, and kneeling at its entrance. ¹² As she cried, two heavenly messengers appeared before her sitting where Jesus' head and feet had been laid.

Heavenly Messengers: ¹³ Dear woman, why are you weeping?

Mary Magdalene: They have taken away my Lord, and I cannot find Him.

¹⁴ After uttering these words, she turned around to see Jesus standing before her, but she did not recognize Him.

Jesus: ¹⁵ Dear woman, why are you sobbing? Who is it you are looking for?

She still had no idea who it was before her. Thinking He was the gardener, she muttered:

Mary Magdalene: Sir, if you are the one who carried Him away, then tell me where He is and I will retrieve Him.

Jesus: ¹⁶ Mary!

Mary Magdalene (*turning to Jesus and speaking in Hebrew*): Rabboni, my Teacher!

Jesus: ¹⁷ Mary, you cannot hold Me. I must rise above this world to be with My Father, who is also your Father; My God, who is also your God. Go tell this to all My brothers.

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene obeyed and went directly to His disciples.

Mary Magdalene (*announcing to the disciples*): I have seen the Lord, and this is what He said to me . . .

Communion

UMC Book of Worship

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,
Almighty God, 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 he 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 to 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 God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn *Up from the Grave He Arose* #322 UMH

*Benediction

Going Forth Song

Thank you for joining us in worship today!