



*He is Risen!*

**Easter Praise & Worship  
Celebration 11:00am**

**April 17, 2022**

**Easter Sunday**

**Celebrate! 11:00am**

***Epworth Vision: To be a church of this community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ as the Holy Spirit transforms hearts, lives, and communities***

*I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives*

Luke 5:32 CEB

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**Liturgical Color: White**

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**CELEBRATE! 11 am**

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## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

### **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

1 Corinthians 15:21: "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."

### **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

Romans 6:5, 8, 9 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

### **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

Romans 8:34: "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

### **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

Revelation 1:17b-18a: "Don't be afraid! I am the First and Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever!"

### **Opening Prayer**

## **Easter Medley with Brass**

### ***Crown Him with Many Crowns* (UMH# 327 arranged by James Craig Bazen)**

V1 Choir

V2 Choir

#### **Congregation to join on verse 3**

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole,  
that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

#### **Congregation to join on verse 4**

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

#### **Congregation to join on verse 1**

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb up on his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

***Thine be the Glory (UMH# 308 arranged by James Craig Bazen)***

V1 Choir

V2 Choir

**Congregation to join on verse 3**

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

**Congregation to join on verse 1**

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes  
where thy body lay.

**Scripture Reading**

John 11:21-29

21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world. 28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

## Opening Praise

### *My Redeemer Lives*

Jamie Bazen and the Praise Team

#### **Verse 1**

Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?  
Who told the ocean you can only come this far?  
Who showed the moon where to hide 'til evening?  
Whose words alone can catch a falling star?

#### **Chorus 1**

Well I know my Redeemer lives  
I know my Redeemer lives  
All of creation testifies  
This life within me cries  
I know my Redeemer lives

#### **Verse 2**

The very same God that spins things in orbit  
He runs to the weary, the worn and the weak  
And the same gentle hands that hold me when I'm broken  
They conquered death to bring me victory

#### **Chorus 2**

Well I know my Redeemer lives  
I know my Redeemer lives  
Let all creation testify that  
This life within me cries  
I know my Redeemer .....

#### **Bridge**

He lives  
To take away my shame  
And He lives forever, I'll proclaim  
That the payment for my sin  
Was the precious life He gave  
But now He's alive and  
There's an empty grave

## Final Chorus

Well I know my Redeemer lives

I know my Redeemer lives

He lives

He lives

He lives

## Scripture Reading

John 20:1-15

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

## Special Music

*Don't Cry*  
Destiny Lindsay and the Praise Team

## Scripture Reading

John 20:16-18 and 26-31

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

### *The Purpose of John's Gospel*

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Sermon

*That you might BELIEVE and have life in His name*  
Pastor Jen Fenner

## Invitation to Prayer and Life in His Name

Rev. Tammi Brantley

## Song of Response

*Worth*  
Destiny Lindsay

You thought I was worth saving  
So You came and changed my life  
You thought I was worth keeping  
So You cleaned me up inside

You thought I was to die for  
So You sacrificed Your life  
So I could be free so I could be whole  
So I can tell everyone I know 2X

Hallelujah  
Glory to the God who changed my life  
(And I will praise You) forever  
(I'll worship You) forever  
(I'll give You glory) forever  
(Because I am)  
I am free because I am whole  
And I will tell everyone I know 2X

## **Welcome of Visitors**

### **Introduction of Rev. Dr. Jonathan Williams, Epworth's new Youth Coordinator**

### **Offering with entrance of the flowering Cross**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*As you come forward, please place your offering in the plates as an act of worship and an expression of thankfulness. Cards are available at the rail for those who have given electronically.*

*Prayer cards can be found in your pews. If you would like a petition to go to pastor and prayer team, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate. A folded card will only be seen by the pastors.*

*Please signal to the ushers by raising your hand if you would prefer they carry your offering forward.*

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!

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!

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!

## **Prayer for the Offering**

### **Announcements**

Following this service, please join us for Coffee Hour - a time of food and fellowship in the Lounge. (Exit the Sanctuary, up the steps, and to the left)

### **Benediction**

#### **Departing Song of Celebration**

*Lord I Lift your Name on High*

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

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## Epworth's Commitment for How We Live Together...

1. We will love one another by being kind, patient, protective, trusting and faithful to one another. **(1 Corinthians 13)**
2. We will pray for one another. **(James 5:16)**
3. We will encourage one another. **(Hebrews 3:13)**
4. We will joyfully accept and embrace all people in our midst and will endeavor to be united and supportive of one another. **(1 Corinthians 1:10)**
5. We will admit when we are wrong and will both seek and grant forgiveness with one another. **(Colossians 3:13) (Matthew 18:21) (Romans 3:23) (Ephesians 9:32)**
6. We will practice peacemaking by following the teachings of Jesus to reconcile by:
  - Taking directly to the person who offended us,
  - Taking 1 or 2 people with us to talk with the person,
  - Resolve as a church through the conflict prevention response team (CPR) **(Matthew 18: 15-17)**
7. We will seek one another's best interest above our own self-interest. **(Romans 12:10)**
8. We will faithfully serve where we are able and honor the commitments that we make. **(Ecclesiastes 5:4)**
9. We will practice generosity of our time, abilities and financial gifts. **(Matthew 28: 16-20)**
10. As Christians, we will have faith in God. **(Hebrews 11:1)**
11. We will live our love and faith through our actions; our prayers, our witness, and our service. **(1 John 3:18)**
12. We will treat all with respect and compassion, including those who are new and those who are developing confidence. **(1 John 2: 9-10)**
13. We will listen to each other and trust leadership to make decisions with the love of God. **(1 John 4: 7-9)**
14. We will commit to personal spiritual growth so that when we are all together, we can fully share the love of God. **(Matthew 28: 19-20)**
15. Our leaders will model these behaviors of discipleship, being of one heart and soul, by continuing to grow in spirit and grace, inspiring others to come alongside. **(Matthew 28:19-20)**