

April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday
Arise Service
9am

Epworth Vision: To be the community that reaches, engages, disciples, and impacts people for Christ as the Holy Spirit transforms our 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

ARISE! 9am

Prelude

Opening Reading

John 19:38-42

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Call to Worship

(adapted from Jan Richardson)

While it was still dark.

While it was still night.

While they could not see. While they wrapped and buried in silence.

While they thought death held sway.

While they grieved.

While they wept.

While they remembered what he taught them.

While they held on to how He loved them.

While it was still dark,

resurrection began.

Opening Hymn

In the Garden (UMH#314)

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,

The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gospel Reading

John 20: 1-10

(Page 114 of the New Testament of the pew Bible)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he

must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Song of Preparation

Тіло Христове прийму
(*Let me Receive you O Christ/He is Lord*)

This piece was arranged by Dr. Eric Paździora as a Ukrainian/American medley in tribute to the people of Ukraine

Gospel Reading

John 20:11-18

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospel Reading

John 20: 28-31

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord*

People: **Thanks be to God**

Children invited to go with SPARKS ministry to Flower the Cross

Introduction of Rev. Dr. Jonathan Williams as Epworth's new Youth Coordinator

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

That you May Believe and have Life in His Name

Pastor Jennifer Fenner

A Cantata Inspired by World Music

Selections all original arrangements

by James Craig Bazen and Dr. Eric Paździora

Congregation invited to sing when directed and as printed.

Christ Is Risen (UMH #307)

V1-V3 Choir

Congregation to join on verse 1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosana!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;

all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,

see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace a bounding

bring a taste of love unknown.

Congregation to join on verse 2

Christ is risen!
Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Congregation to join on verse 3

Christ is risen!
Earth and heaven
never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosana everyone.

Hoy Celebramos con Gozo (MV #150)

V1 Choir
V2 Choir

Congregation to join on verse 3

Acudamos hoy, hermanos,
a esta fiesta del amor;
hemos sido convocados
por el Padre Celestial.
Celebremos hoy Unidos
este día del Señor,
estrechándonos las manos,
somos el pueblo de Dios.

Crown Him with Many Crowns (UMH #327)

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.

Halle Halle (TFWS #2026b)

Congregation to join on Chorus

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Congregation to join on verse 1

I AM the Rock of ages cleft for me
I AM the let me hide myself in thee;
I AM the Rock of ages cleft for me
Halleluja, haleluja.

Congregation to join on verse 2

I AM the Nothing in my hands I bring;
I AM the simply to thy cross I cling;
I AM Nothing in my hands I bring;
Halleluja. Halle.

Choir/instrumental interlude

Congregation to join on Chorus

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Participatory Offering Song (UMH #308) *Thine Be the Glory*

arranged by James Craig Bazen
featuring Destiny Lindsay

Congregation invited to come forward with offering when directed.
Cards for those who give electronically are in baskets at the front to put
in the offering place.

V1 Choir and 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.

Prayer for 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)

Closing Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
arranged by Dr. Eric Paździora

With Congregational singing as the flowered cross enters

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today (UMH#302)

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!

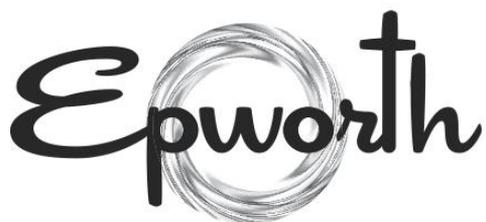
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

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!

Benediction

Postlude



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