

CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY - 'LOVE WINS'

Congregation please respond with the bolded lines

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Morning Prayer"

Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME

INTROIT

"The Easter Song"

Keith Green

The Easter Seven

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Break forth into song; sing together with joy!

Let the earth be glad, let the heavens rejoice!

Christ our Lord is risen today!

Let all creation join to say: Alleluia!

HYMN # 302 (v. 1-4)

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

United Methodist Hymnal

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!

OPENING PRAYER

Living Jesus, we praise you for the new life of this day. You are stronger than death and hate; your love forgives the worst that we can do. Help us to remember that there is nothing to fear, for you are by our side. Enable us to live in the power of the resurrection, bringing us new life and constant hope, not only on Easter, but every day. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“One, Two, Three”
Megan and Madeline Ferrante

Yancy

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of Love, speak powerfully to us this day. Help us to hear the witness to Jesus the Messiah, and the promise of new life in His name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice in the Lord

New Revised Standard Version

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Young people are invited to come forward; no Sunday School today)

Pastor Roy

ANTHEM

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
The Easter Seven

Craig Courtney

EASTER OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on Earth. Through your blessing of our gifts, may death be destroyed and Hope fill all of creation. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN # 303

"The Day of Resurrection"

United Methodist Hymnal

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal, of resurrection light;
And list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

Contemporary English Version

"He Is Risen"

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Then the other disciple also went in, and he saw and believed- for until then they hadn't realized that the Scriptures said he would rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

“Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and exclaimed, “Teacher!”

“Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.”

Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

EASTER HOMILY

“Love Wins”

Pastor Roy

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What a Beautiful Name”

Hillsong United

Leap of Faith

You were the Word at the beginning, one With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You, You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal, now and forever, our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Please share the bread and cup with those at your table saying the words,
"The Body of Christ broken for you; the Blood of Christ shed for you")*

CLOSING HYMN # 310

"He Lives"

United Methodist Hymnal

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

*Chorus: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me, along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me I see His loving care, and though my heart grows weary I never will despair. I
know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast; the day of His appearing will come at last *(Chorus)*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing, Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King.
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind *(Chorus)*

CLOSING PRAYER

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you
hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most
abundantly and be your loving guide.

POSTLUDE

"Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr"

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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*We would like to thank members and friends of the Centerport United Methodist Church
for their generous contributions to our Holy Week services.*

Please join us in Wesley Hall to continue our Easter Celebration!

Services will be posted online at Facebook & Youtube