

Easter Sunday

APRIL 12, 2020

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Romans 15:20

Prelude

"The Strife is O'er"

Jim Joyce, guitar and vocals

Greetings in Christ

Call to Worship

One: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Glory to you, O God: on this day you win victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

All: Glory to you, O Christ: for you vanquish death and open the gate to everlasting life.

One: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

All: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Introit

"Fanfare / Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Vonda Hardesty, piano

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All Creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Call to Confession

One: The grace of God is an abundant feast, spread for all people.

All: The love of God is a deep fountain, overflowing in the world.

One: Trusting in God's abundant grace and deep love, let us confess our sin.

Public Confession

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you liberated us from the power of death. Yet we confess that too often we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of death. Grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Christ, and for Christ, in the joy of his resurrection...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Nadia Bolz-Weber and 2 Corinthians 5:17

One: God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and resurrecting us from graves we dig for ourselves—

All: There is no sin, no darkness, and yes, no grave that God will not come to find us in and love us back to life

One: And God keeps loving us back to life—

All: over and over and over.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; behold, a new life has begun.

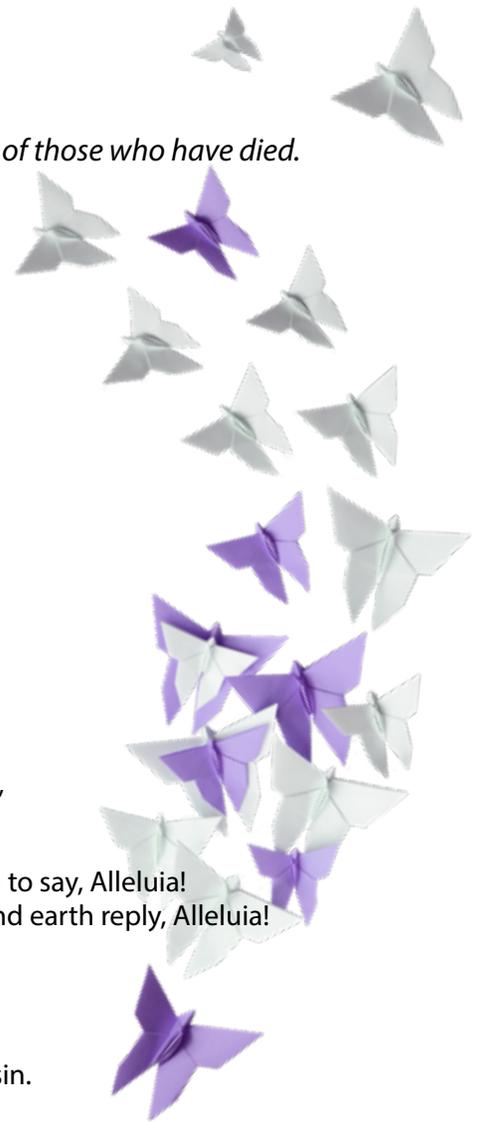
One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

Gratitude for Grace

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled: Jesus Christ, in all his glory, now is risen from the dead.



Prayer for Illumination

Randy Tate

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Time with Children

Leslie Maxie

Prayers of the People

Betsy Hanzelin

Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

Message

Pastor Fred Lyon

Call for Offering

Offertory

"All Creatures of our God and King"

Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, that he has conquered death and been raised to rule over all powers of this earth. We give thanks that Christ summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that the offering of our lives and our resources may show forth the good news of our Savior's loving power and powerful love. All glad and grateful acclamation be yours, God of grace and glory. AMEN.

Benediction

Postlude

"Hallelujah Chorus"



CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!