



HE IS
RISEN!



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Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday: Celebration

Welcome

Prelude

Allelujah! Christ Is Risen

Wihla Hutson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*** Call to Worship**

One: The sun has risen on a new day! Let us lift our voices and proclaim:

Many: **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

One: Let earth and heaven ring in praise of Christ, who has defeated death:

Many: **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

One: Let the graves be emptied and the streets be filled with songs of victory:

Many: **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

One: God has brought hope from despair, and leads us on the path of life.

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED! THANKS BE TO GOD!

*** Opening Prayer**

Jesus Christ, You have come to us through the power of resurrection. Hallelujah! As we emerge from the gloom of sorrow and despair, call us by name. Open our eyes so that we may see you more clearly. Open our hearts so that we may love you more dearly. Grant us the grace to follow you more nearly. With the first witnesses on Easter morning may we proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.

Verse 1:

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

*Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes! (He arose!)
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign!
He arose! (He arose!) He arose! (He arose!)
Alleluia! Christ arose!*

Verse 2:

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Verse 3:

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children (after, children over 5 go to Children's Church)

Receiving New Members

Madelyn Sherwood (by letter of transfer)

Benedick [Ben] Mbecha (by reaffirmation of faith)

Susana [Susan] Mbeboh (by reaffirmation of faith)

Susan Bingham (by reaffirmation of faith)

Karla Novak (by reaffirmation of faith)

Prayer

Congregational Welcome (in unison)

With joy we receive you as part of this congregation. With you we renew and reaffirm our vows of faith. We promise to surround you with the love and encouragement that will enable you to grow strong in compassion, vigorous in service, and sure in the way of Christ.

Blessing

Song

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Verse 1:

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Verse 2:

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3:

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10 (CEB)

Resurrection

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. ² Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. ³ Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. ⁷ Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.”

⁸ With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

Sermon

“History As Recorded by the Victor”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** Closing Song**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Verse 1:

Christ the Lord is ris’n today! Alleluia!

All creation join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'n, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Verse 2:

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!

Verse 3:

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Verse 4:

Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Christ, with Christ we rise, Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Our Lord Christ Hath Risen

John Taylor

*Our Lord Christ hath risen! The tempter is foiled;
His legions are scattered, his strongholds are spoiled.
O sing allelujah! Be joyful and sing,
Our great foe is baffled, Christ Jesus is King!*

* Please stand as able and led



Ministers **All Members**

Pastor.....	David Whitten	Flautist	Sarah Hartman
Worship Leader	Freda Wilkins	Guitarist	David Whitten
Children's Time	Sarah Hartman	Pianist/Organist	Bob Phillips
Special Music.....	Bob Phillips	Dir. of Tech & Media.....	Kevin Beers