



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Sunday, April 4, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP: EASTER SUNDAY

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"MORNING HAS BROKEN" by Allison Lehn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMEMT:

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." -Kate McGahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day:

When tears are wiped away;

Shattered hearts are mended;

Fears are replaced with joy.

This is the day of the Lord:

When God offered forgiveness;

When Christ offered grace;

When the Holy Spirit did a marvelous thing!

This is the day the Lord has made:

Stones of fear roll way;

Death's clothes are thrown away;

And we journey into God's future together.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice:

Death has no power;

Sin has lost its sting;

God opens the tombs of our hearts and fills us with new life.

This is the day-- He has risen! On this Easter Sunday, let us proclaim:

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

HYMN # 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!

Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!

Thus, to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

PRAYER CONCERNS/PATORAL/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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 28:1-7

HYMN # 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Votes" v 1 & 3

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 16 1-8

HYMN # 310 "He Lives" v 1 & 3

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.
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.

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.
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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12

HYMN # 322 "Up from the Grave He Arose" V 1 & 3

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ
All Praise to the Living Word!

"Because He Lives" by Evan Fischer

MESSAGE: The Uncertainty of an Empty Tomb

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #2115 "Christ Has Risen"

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
Whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation where
their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
Till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever lives
to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been
Evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#664 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

*Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*With love & gratitude,
Pastor Dani*