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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday Celebration

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Rev. Michael Atkinson

Acolyte — Audra Skidmore

PRELUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: **THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

HYMN -----"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!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 LESSON ----- John 20:1-18

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. 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.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 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." ' 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING----- "Crown Him With Many Crowns" / arr. John Innes

Dr. Jessica Scott, piano; Brett Miller, organ

SERMON ----- “We Are Easter People” ----- Rev. Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

HYMN ----- “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

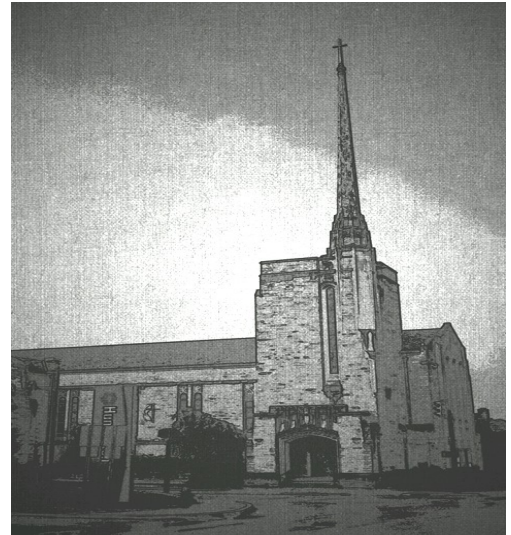
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals giv’n, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heav’n, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! The heav’n its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

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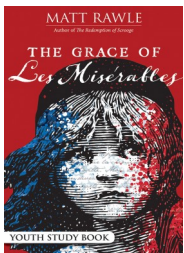
POSTLUDE ----- “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” / arr. John Innes
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Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., with Pastor Michael Atkinson

OR

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., with Pastor Harry Jenkins

All sessions will be in the fellowship hall. Drop this form in the collection plate, or call 304-623-3397.

YES, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning April 14th.

YES, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning April 15th.

YES, I need a study guide.

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