# **Washington Street United Methodist Church**

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

(Videoed in Christ Chapel)

April 12, 2020 Liturgical Color: Gold & White

WELCOME (Instructions for Interactive Worship)

If your Holy Thursday altar is still in place, you are ready to begin. If not, you may want to recreate it. If this is your first Interactive Worship with us, Welcome! Place a cross or crosses on the table and cover them with a black cloth. Put a single candle on the table and be prepared to light it at the appropriate time in the service. As you watch the service, perform the sign acts that you see: removing the drape, lighting the candle and then you are invited to share in the Easter liturgy, prayers and music. The words of the hymns are at the end of the Worship Guide.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

PRESENTATION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE GREETING

ONE: But on the first day of the week,.... His not here; he is risen! ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Living Christ, gather us in the power of the Holy Spirit with all your saints in glory to honor and praise you on this Easter Day. Through faith those who believe in you and the power of your resurrection are united in your mystical body, the church. Though we are separated in flesh, we are united in you. We pray that you would raise us up from fear and anxiety, so that in joy we may worship you this day, for you are our living, risen Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

pg. 888, United Methodist Hymnal

ONE: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are

saved

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION** 

ALL:

"Who Are You Looking For?"

**ANTHEM** 

"Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

pg. 395, UM Book of Worship

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**BENEDICTION** 

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Christ Is Alive

### **FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of our risen Christ and in loving memory of Carol Clements by her family.

#### NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

- 1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
  - 3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
  - 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

#### CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

- 1 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!
- 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!
- 5 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!
- 6 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!

#### **CHRIST IS ALIVE**

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
  - 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine, But saving, healing, here and now, And touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, Where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, Can feel the Spirit, hear the call, And find the way, the life, the truth, Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and ev'ry age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.