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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the Resurrected Christ
Washington Street UMC ~ Sanctuary

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. Today, place a flower on your home altar along with your Lenten planting. Christ is alive! We celebrate with joy!

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Llafair and French Carol*
Louis Shirer, organ

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! *

HYMN 302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

(1, 5, 6)

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!

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!

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: *Easter Hymn*, Lyra Davidica, 1708

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
through Jesus Christ you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we,
who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection,
may, by the renewing of your Spirit
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Our God is the true and living God,
worthy to receive glory and honor and power.
God created all things;
by God's will they existed and were created.
We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;
all things came into being through him.
He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Being in the form of God, he emptied himself,
he took the form of a slave,
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself;
he became obedient to the point of death
-even death on a cross.
Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised on the third day
according to the scriptures.
God also highly exalted Jesus:
God gave him the name that is above every name.

God has put all things under his feet:
God made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again:
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

As all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.

Thanks be to God
who gives us the victory.

SOLO *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* George Frideric Handel
From *The Messiah*
Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8

PROCLAMATION "The Unfinished Narrative" Reverend Parrish

HYMN 306 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" VICTORY
(1, 3, 4)

Antiphon: Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begin:
Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread string thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

Antiphon: Alleluia!

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Anon. Latin, 1695; trans. By Francis Pott, 1861
Music: *Victory*, Giovanni P. Da Palestrina, 1591; arr. By W. H. Monk, 1861

PRAYERS OF RESPONSE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

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.

HYMN 303
(1, 2, 3)

“The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: John of Damascus, trans. By John Mason Neale, 1862
Music: *Lancashire*, Henry T. Smart, 1835

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625
Johann Sebastian Bach
Louis Shirer, organ

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