



Washington Street United Methodist Church

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the Resurrected Christ
Pre-Videoed, Washington Street United Methodist Church, Christ Chapel

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, BWV 626
Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesus Christ, Our Savior,
who overcame death,
has arisen and has taken sin captive.
Kyrie eleison. (Martin Luther)

We Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 623
Johann Sebastian Bach

1. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ
that you died for us and have made us,
through your precious blood
just and good in the sight of God.
2. And we pray, true Man and God,
by your holy five bloody wounds,
that you free us from eternal death
and give us solace in our last hour. (Christoph Fischer)

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

One: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

One: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

All: We are Christ's body; We are Christ's feet.

One: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

All: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.

One: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

All: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!

HYMN 310
(vs. 1, 3)

He Lives

ACKLEY

1. 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.

Refrain: 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.

3. 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.

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
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Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933; Music: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

OPENING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death.

Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord. Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.

SOLO

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Malcolm Lemons, baritone; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

Jack Schrader

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 19-29

Susan Caskey

HYMN 384
(vs. 1, 4)

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: Beecher, John Zundel, 1870

PROCLAMATION

"From Doubt to Belief"

Pastor Alston Lippert

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION*

Pastor Alston Lippert

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection

for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

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 364

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

1. God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because He lives!

4. And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because He lives!

Maria Beery, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ
Words: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971
Music: Resurrection, William J. Gaither, 1971

BENEDICTION

*Rev. Mindi on her blog, Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

**Moiria Laidlaw, and posted on the Liturgies Online blog. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

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