

Today's Worship
October 3, 2021
19th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader and People

L: The darkness is gone!

P: Bright light floods into this new day of hope.

L: Those who went to the tomb received good news.

P: Christ was not there!

L: Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!

P: Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

MUSIC **He Lives/Hallelujah Jesus is Alive**

All

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men 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

In all the world around me
I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary
I never will despair
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
Will come at last

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

Hallelujah, Jesus is alive
Death has lost its vict'ry
And the grave has been denied

Jesus lives forever
He's alive, He's alive
He's the Alpha and Omega
The first and last is He
The curse of sin is broken
And we have perfect liberty
The Lamb of God has risen
He's alive! He's alive!
Hallelujah! Jesus is alive
Death has lost its vict'ry
And the grave has been denied
Jesus lives forever
He's alive, He's alive
Hallelujah, Jesus is alive!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Karen Hoyt

LORD'S PRAYER

All

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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Rev. Hoyt

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. 2 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." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 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. 13 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." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 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.' " 18 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.

MUSIC

Because He Lives Amen

All

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood
Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives, because He lives

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Bruce

SERMON

Resurrection Day

CONFESSION

Rev. Hoyt

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Dr. Bruce

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Hoyt: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Hoyt: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Rev. Hoyt: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Our voices join with all creatures under heaven as we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image. We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations. Yet again and again we rebelled against your will and continued to break your covenant. In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to save us. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, he reconciled us to your love. At the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him, anointing him to preach the good news of your reign. He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion. He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, the Lord Jesus took bread. Giving you thanks, he offered it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Taking a cup, again he gave thanks to you, shared the cup with his disciples, and said: "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Drink from this all of you. This is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sin."

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by his followers and beaten. He stood trial and was put to death on a cross.

Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, he was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth. Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your Church, empowering its mission, and leading us into the new creation you have promised. Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts. Grant that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, serving and reconciling all people to you. Remember your Church, scattered upon the face of the earth. Gather it in unity and preserve it in truth. Remember the saints who have gone before us. In communion with them and with all creation, we worship and glorify you always, Almighty God, now and forever.
AMEN

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC

Come Just As You Are

All

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come and see (come and see)

Come receive (come receive)

Come and live (come and live) forever

Life everlasting

And strength for today

Taste the Living Water

And never thirst again

Come just as you are; hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come receive (come receive)

Christ the King (Christ the King)

Come and live (come and live) forevermore

BENEDICTION

L: Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!

P: We go, with hearts full and eyes open!

L: Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with others!

P: We go, with eyes reflecting God's light and hands open to share it!

L: May you walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life!

ALL: We go in the power of God's Spirit to Love Christ Love People and Help People Love Christ

AMEN



Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note

in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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