

Today's Worship
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The darkness is banished!

P: The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

L: Christ is risen from the dead!

P: Christ is alive forevermore!

L: Hallelujah!

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ALL: AMEN.

MUSIC

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

All

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, 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

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise, 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

MUSIC

He Lives

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

OPENING PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

R. Garry Glenn

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.

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

Rev. Dr. Bruce

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Members of the household of God,
I commend Ruby to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

MUSIC

Easter Song/Hallelujah Jesus is Alive

McEver Singers

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Bruce

20 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON **Jesus and the Beatles**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**ALL: O God of Easter joy,
we come this morning
with glad shouts of acclamation.**

L: Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed.

**This time of worship
has helped us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ.
May we be transformed.
transformed into your butterfly people,
winging through the earth
with messages of beauty, hope and life.
Amen.**

MUSIC **Because He Lives**

All

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

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

And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

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
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DEPART TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Mr. Glenn

Go forth in joy! Let your voices ring with victory; for Christ is Risen!
Happy Easter!

**ALL: We go in joy to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People
Love Christ.**

AMEN

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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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