

**EASTER SUNRISE
WORSHIP
First UMC – the Coppertop
Hillside UMC
Duluth, Minnesota**

6:45 am
Sunday, April 4, 2021



Gathering Music and Watching the Sun Rise

Tapestry

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: Christ Is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

UM Hymnal #145

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

Unison Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Indeed, morning has broken! You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. God, raise us too. May fresh life burst among us like buds awakening to the spring. May shells of distrust and self-hatred which keep us bound in personal tombs be broken away so that new life can emerge. May new community spring up where fear has kept us from the stranger. Keep us patient in making peace and building justice. Teach us to trust the slow process from seed to stem, from stem to flower, from flower to fruit. Breathe on us with your Spirit. Fill us with the life of the risen Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Kelby Werner

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

A Litany for Easter

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: We ponder the One who came to us a little child, one of us, flesh and blood, to share in our humanity.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We remember the One who came to us as carpenter and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We recall the One who came to us as fisherman and pointed us to a harvest that was yet to come.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We honor the One who came to us as teacher and opened eyes to truths about the kingdom of God.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We praise the One who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We recognize the One who came to us as prophet, priest and king and yet humbled himself even to death on a cross.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We follow the One who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of God's love.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We celebrate the One who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious, enabling us to rise above death and all the powers of death.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: Death has given way to life!

All: For Christ has risen – has risen indeed!

Prayer Meditation

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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*Happy
Easter*

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