

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday



Prelude *Trumpet Tune in G*
Stacy Carolan, trumpet; Velda Graham Bell, organ

Jeremy Bankson

Welcome and Announcements

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

One: Christ has risen –
All: He has risen indeed!
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Call to Worship

Carolyn Dahl and Shirley Olson

One: Once there was sadness –
All: Now we are clothed with Easter joy!
One: Once there was mourning –
All: Now there is the possibility of rejoicing!
One: Once there were tears and silence –
All: Now laughter has returned and praise abounds!
One: Once there was hunger and longing –
All: Now we are gathered together in Christ and fed with God's love!
One: For Christ has risen –
All: He has risen indeed!

Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

UM Hymnal #302, v. 1-4
led by Michael Goodlet, Stacy Carolan and Velda Graham Bell

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!

2. *Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!*
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. *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!

4. *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!



Easter Prayer

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Cynthia Coffin-Langdon and Jojo Coffin- Langdon

Hymn *Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

The Faith We Sing #2026
led by Emma Rustan

(Sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

Scripture Reading

Carol and Mike Donahue

Mark 16: 1-8

One: 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?"

All: **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."**

One: 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.

Anthem *Strikepoint*

Paul McKlveen

Strikepoint

Sermon *Love is the Way: Finding Hope in Troubling Times*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

UM Hymnal #311
led by Emma Rustan

1. Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him,
Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days
in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Anthem

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

First UMC and Hillside UMC musicians

Benediction

Pastors Jeanine Alexander and Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Stacy Carolan, trumpet; Velda Graham Bell, organ



Next Sunday Bishop David Bard will be preaching, in a worship service provided by the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church.

This morning's offering will be split among the mission and ministry of our church, Myers-Wilkins Elementary School and St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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