



First United Methodist Church

Easter Sunrise Contemporary Worship

Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:00am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: Christ Is Risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

* Hymn *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

The Faith We Sing #2026

Unison Prayer

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

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.

Special Music *Easter Hallelujah* Leonard Cohen; lyrics by Kelley Mooney
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

A Litany for Easter

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!

Meditation

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

UM Hymnal #77

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

*consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

Benediction



You are invited for coffee, doughnuts and fruit from 9-9:45am in Lakeview Social Hall.
Please join us for traditional Easter worship in the Sanctuary at 10am in person or online

Easter activities for children! Meet at 9:15 on Easter morning for an Easter egg hunt and playing in the bounce house. There is no Sunday School this morning; kids may remain in worship with their families and fidget bags will be available. Nursery care will be available.

Please join us for worship every Sunday at 10am in person or on our YouTube channel.

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