



Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message
Of hope. Christ is risen
Christ has risen indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ has risen in deed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

‘Christ the Lord is Risen Today’

UMH 302

OPENING PRAYER

O God of Easter joy, we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. May our time of worship help 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

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

UMH 303

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "The Empty Tomb"



SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians: 15: 19-26

OFFERING

If you wish to give during this time, to support the mission and programming of our church. Thank you.

DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 1-18

MESSAGE

"What If"

Rev. Carol

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO ALL:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

This is the body of Christ broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD and COMMUNION-
you are invited to come forward at this time

COME TO THE TOMB AND TAKE THE GIFT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

You have raised us with Christ, and made us a new people

Help us to glorify you in all things. AMEN

HYMN

“He Lives”

UMH 310

EASTER BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us. May the God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with Him in glory.

Amen.



Rev. Carol D Jubenville, Pastor
Esther Mick, Musician
Ministers, The Congregation

