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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"Hope is born in not knowing where you are going but in knowing who is leading the way." Anonymous

PRELUDE "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today" *arr. Smith and Hustad*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Long and long our God has declared it: All things will be made new!

People: And God's promises are sure.

Leader: All the heavens and the earth, all the seas and dry lands, all the stars and moons;

People: All have been made new!

Leader: All the forests and the fields, all the valleys and the mountains, all the rivers and the lakes;

People: All have been made new!

Leader: All the fish and the corals, all the birds and the beasts, all the worms and the Insects;

People: All have been made new!

Leader: For God has done it! God has turned death into life, God has turned brokenness into wholeness.

People: And all is made new!

Leader: Christ is risen and nothing in our world is the same anymore:

People: We see with new ears, we hear with new ears, we hope and trust and love with new hearts,

Leader: For Christ is risen,

People: And all is made new!

HYMN #327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture

Psalm 33:20-22

Dexter Time (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Dexter, discuss the opening Scripture)

Children's Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts-debtors)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord of the Dance" vocalist: Luanne Crosby

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS **PASTORAL PRAYER**

HYMN #315

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory "Today God's Son Triumphs" *J.S. Bach*

This day in triumph God the Son
Hath from the grave the vict'ry won,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
With glorious might and majesty,
And so we thank Him endlessly.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessing and Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3

EASTER MEDITATION

EASTER RESPONSE "Because He is Risen" *by Gerard Kelly*

Leader: Because He is risen
Spring is possible
In all the cold hard places
Gripped by winter
And freedom jumps the queue
To take fear's place as our focus

People: Because He is risen

Leader: Because He is risen
My future is an epic novel
Where once it was a mere short story
My contract on life is renewed in perpetuity
My options are open-ended
My travel plans are cosmic

People: Because He is risen

Leader: Because He is risen
Healing is on order and assured
And every disability will bow
Before the endless dance of his ability
And my grave too will open
When my life is restored
For this frail and fragile body
Will not be the final word on my condition

People: Because He is risen

Leader: Because He is risen
Hunger will go begging in the streets
For want of a home
And selfishness will have a shortened shelf-life
And we will throng to the funeral of famine
And dance on the callous grave of war
And poverty will be history

In our history

People: Because He is risen

Leader: And because He is risen

A fire burns in my bones

And my eyes see possibilities

And my heart hears hope

Like a whisper on the wind

And the song that rises in me

Will not be silenced

As life disrupts

This shadowed place of death

Like a butterfly under the skin

And death itself

Runs terrified to hide

People: Because He is risen.

HYMN #302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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!

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!

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*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

from The Messiah by George F. Handel

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Joyce Rausch & family on the death of Jim, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), cards for Rev. Hluchy may be sent to
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Lisa (Smith) Hilfiger
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Leon & Lydia Bowden
Debbie Dietz
Frank "Pete" Nye
Kevin Dey
Eric Greene
Phaedra Gruver
Eloise & Erie Straight
Laura & Harry Cartledge

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