

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "In the Garden" # 227

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "Christ Arose!" # 224

**1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!**

**Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he
arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to
reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]**

**3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away--
Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]**

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

***Responsive Call to Worship** **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24** Dean Eslinger 8:30am
Jim Ward 10:30am

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the
LORD does valiantly;**

L: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give
thanks to the LORD.**

L: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

Message "Whom Are You Looking For?" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Dean Eslinger 8:30am

Jim Ward 10:30am

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Roy McLellan 10:30am

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" # 234

**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.**

**3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole,
that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall no end, and
round his pieced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich 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.**

*Benediction Rev Schwartz

Postlude "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 216

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

John 20: 1-18 NRSV ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: He is risen

P: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.