SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 20:1-18

SERMON

"THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS!"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

RECEIVING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

ANTHEM

HAIL THE DAY
BY WILLIAM H. MONK, ARRANGED BY HELEN JUN MARTH
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*HYMN OF INVITATION

CHRIST IS ALIVE
UMH # 318, V. 1 & 5
WORDS BY BRIAN WREN
MUSIC BY PSALMODIA EVANGELICA
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- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
- 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

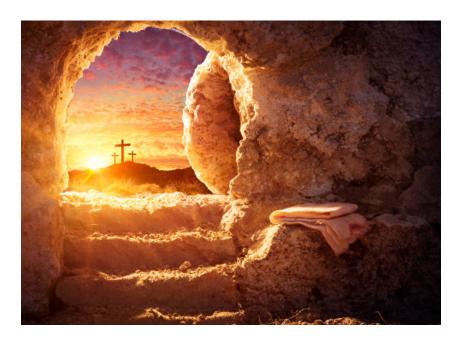
REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING UMH # 715, V. 4

WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY
MUSIC BY JOHN DARWALL
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4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

POSTLUDE

BY HENRY SMART, ARRANGED BY FRANK W. ASPER



"They Remembered His Words!" John 20:1-18

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday Service with Communion
Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM Service



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*PLEASE PLACE YOUR FLOWER(S) ON THE CROSS AS YOU ARRIVE

PRELUDE - PERFORMED BY HAND BELL ENSEMBLE CHRIST IS RISEN, HALLELUJAH! ARRANGED BY KEVIN STEWART

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies! (Charles Wesley, England, 18th Century)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

UMH # 302
Words by Charles Wesley
Music by Lyra Davidica
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- 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!
- 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
- 6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Brother and sisters in Christ, what do you believe? Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Leader: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Congregation: Christ is our light!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS CALL TO PRAYER

HE LIVES UMH # 310, V. 1 & 3 Words & Music by Alfred H. Ackley Used by Permission. CCLI License #1203752 & 20202614

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen! [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*Doxology

Praise God, From whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN OF FAITH

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING
UMH #715, V. 1-3
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- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
- 2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
- 3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.