

SCRIPTURE READING
MATTHEW 28:1-10

SERMON
“SONRISE!”
REV. LARAINE WAUGHTAL

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN OF INVITATION
BECAUSE HE LIVES

UMH # 364

WORDS BY GLORIA & WILLIAM J. GAITHER
MUSIC BY WILLIAM J. GAITHER

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Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. *[Refrain]*
3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION
SENDING FORTH

PASS IT ON

UMH # 572, V. 1 & 2

WORDS & MUSIC BY KURT KAISER

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1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

POSTLUDE
MARCH

BY HENRY SMART
ARR. BY FRANK W. ASPER



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
with Communion
Wesley Campus
6:45 AM Service



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

THERE IS A RIVIER
BY DAVID SAPP

PRELUDE

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY
BY CHARLES AND JOHN WESLEY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Congregation: Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,

and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES

UMH #304

WORDS BY WILLIAM M. JAMES
MUSIC BY HENRY T. SMART

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1. Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us Heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let it sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

*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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

CHRIST IS RISEN

UMH # 307

WORDS BY BRIAN WREN

MUSIC BY POLISH CAROL; ARRANGED BY EDITH M. G. REED

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1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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

HE LIVES

UMH #310

WORDS AND MUSIC BY ALFRED H. ACKLEY

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1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

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.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]