

Easter Worship Service April 2022

Easter Proclamation ~

Annie ~ He is risen!

Everyone ~ He is risen indeed!

Welcome and Announcements ~ Annie Crumb

Monday ~ Uplift Support Group Meeting at 3 pm at church

Tuesday ~ Prayer Group and Book Discussion for chapters 3 & 4
in *A Praying Life* at 7 pm via zoom.

Thank you to Peggy Brockett for the flowers in loving memory
of her grandparents Willard and Edith Thompson.

Martha Thompson has also brought flowers in loving memory
of her son Matthew Thompson.

Word of Preparation ~ Annie Crumb

Prelude ~

Everyone is invited to come and decorate the cross with
flowers in joyful remembrance of Christ's resurrection
while we sing "*Living Hope*" and "*This is Amazing Grace.*"



"Living Hope"

*How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Chorus

***Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
(repeat chorus)***

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(repeat)*

Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

*Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope*

“This is Amazing Grace”

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings*

Chorus

***This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place. That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me***

*Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings*

Chorus

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (Repeat 2 times)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy*

Chorus

All that You've done for me

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Call to Worship ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 (NLT)

Please join in saying the bold lines.

²⁰ ... Christ has been raised from the dead.

He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man,

now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man.

²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam,

everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

²³ But there is an order to this resurrection:

Christ was raised as the first of the harvest;

then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

²⁴ After that the end will come,

when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father,

having destroyed every ruler and authority and power.

²⁵ For Christ must reign

until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet.

²⁶ **And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Choir Song ~

"I Will Rise"

*There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
I will rise.
There's a day that's drawing near
When the darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
I will rise.
And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
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Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!"
I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings;
Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
Rise! Rise! Rise!*

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Prayers of the People ~ Please join in praying the bold lines
as the Holy Spirit moves you.

We serve a risen Savior.

Forgive us, Lord when we are hesitant to live the resurrection life.

Empower us, so our words and actions will shine light on the truth
that you loved us into your kingdom
through our surrender to Christ
and his forgiveness spoken from the cross.

Draw us close when we are afraid.

Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ,
our hearts to the wonder of His resurrection
and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us
that your name might be glorified through our lives.

God of resurrection, of life and death, and rebirth

Help us to trust you with our lives and loved ones.

God of promise, of all beginnings and all endings
Give us faith to believe your Word and Your promised ending

God of hope, of new growth, and harvest

Give us courage to share the seeds of truth

**that all people may come to know You
and experience salvation and eternal life with You.**

~ Silent Prayer ~

Will you join me in praying 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 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

Song ~ “Christ Arose” (#224 in the blue hymnal)

Lo, in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord

Chorus

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!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! ~ Chorus

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord ~ Chorus

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Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ Luke 24:1-35 (TPT) read by Annie Crumb

¹ Very early that Sunday morning, the women made their way to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.

¹⁰ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Jesus’ mother Mary.

² Arriving at the tomb they discovered that the huge stone covering the entrance had been rolled aside, ³ so they went in to look.

But the tomb was empty. The body of Jesus was gone!

⁴ They stood there, stunned and perplexed.

Suddenly, two men appeared above them in dazzling white robes shining like lightning.

⁵ Terrified, the women fell to the ground on their faces.

The men in white said to them,

“Why would you look for the Living One in a tomb?

He is not here, for he has risen!

⁶ Have you forgotten what he said to you while he was still in Galilee:

⁷ ‘The destiny of the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinful men, to be nailed to a cross, and on the third day to rise again?’”

⁸ All at once they remembered his words.

⁹ Leaving the tomb, they went to break the news to the Eleven and to all the others of what they had seen and heard.

¹¹ When the disciples heard the testimony of the women, it made no sense, and they were unable to believe what they heard.

¹² But Peter jumped up and ran the entire distance to the tomb to see for himself.

Stooping down, he looked inside and discovered it was empty!

There was only the linen sheet lying there.

Staggered by this, he walked away, wondering what it meant.

¹³ Later that same day, two of Jesus’ disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus,

a journey of about seventeen miles.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ They were in the midst of a discussion

about all the events of the last few days

when Jesus walked up and accompanied them in their journey.

¹⁶ They were unaware that it was actually Jesus walking alongside them, for God prevented them from recognizing him.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Jesus said to them,

“You seem to be in a deep discussion about something.

What are you talking about, so sad and gloomy?”

They stopped, and the one named Cleopas answered,

“Haven’t you heard?

Are you the only one in Jerusalem unaware of the things that have happened over the last few days?”

¹⁹ Jesus asked, “What things?”

“The things about Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they replied.

“He was a mighty prophet of God who performed miracles and wonders.

His words were powerful,

and he had great favor with God and the people.

²⁰⁻²¹ But three days ago the high priest and the rulers of the people sentenced him to death and had him crucified.

We had all hoped that he was the one who would redeem and rescue Israel.

²² Early this morning, some of the women
informed us of something amazing.

²³ They said they went to the tomb and found it empty.
They claimed two angels appeared and told them that Jesus is now alive.

²⁴ Some of us went to see for ourselves
and found the tomb exactly as the women had said.
But no one has seen him.”

²⁵ Jesus said to them, “Why are you so thick-headed?
Why do you find it so hard to believe
every word the prophets have spoken?

²⁶ Wasn’t it necessary for the Messiah to experience all these sufferings
and afterward to enter into his glory?”

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the prophets
he carefully unveiled to them
the revelation of himself throughout the Scriptures.

²⁸ As they approached the village, Jesus walked on ahead,
telling them he was going on to a distant place.

²⁹ They urged him to remain there with them and pleaded,
“Stay with us. It will be dark soon.”
So Jesus went with them into the village.

³⁰ Joining them at the table for supper,
he took bread and blessed it and broke it, then gave it to them.

³¹ All at once their eyes were opened and they realized he was Jesus!
Then suddenly, in a flash, Jesus vanished from before their eyes!

³² Stunned, they looked at each other and said,
“Why didn’t we recognize him?
Didn’t our hearts burn with the flames of holy passion
while we walked beside him? ¹⁸ No, I will not abandon you as orphans—
I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will
see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰ When I am raised to life again,
you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in
you. ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones
who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And
I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

He unveiled for us such profound revelation from the Scriptures!”

³³ They left at once and hurried back to Jerusalem
to tell the other disciples.

When they found the Eleven and the other disciples all together,
³⁴ they overheard them saying, “It’s really true!

The Lord has risen from the dead. He even appeared to Peter!”

³⁵ Then the two disciples told the others
what had happened to them on the road to Emmaus
and how Jesus had unveiled himself in the breaking of bread.

Sermon ~ “Jesus Comes to Us. Do We Recognize Him?”

Song ~ **“He Lives”** (#226 in the blue hymnal)
*I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever others say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him, he’s always near*

Chorus
***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***
*In all the world around me I see his loving care
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of his appearing will come at last ~ **Chorus**
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 ~ **Chorus***
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Benediction ~ from John 14:18-21 (NLT)