

Alleluia! He is Risen!



Easter

April 1, 2018

Young Meadows Presbyterian Church

The Morning Worship of God
The Lord's Day
Easter
April 1, 2018
8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

The Traditional Services of Young Meadows Presbyterian Church exist to joyfully worship
the Triune God in Spirit and in Truth.

*We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have now received reconciliation.*

Romans 5:11 (ESV)

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

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Bell Toll

Prelude

Christus Regnat . . . Clokey
Michael Wutzke, Organ

***Call to Worship**

From Romans 1:1-4 (ESV)

Christ Jesus was promised beforehand through God's prophets in the holy Scriptures,

concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

and was declared to be the Son of God in power

**according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

** The congregation is asked to stand for these acts of worship.*

11:00 a.m. — Ministry of Music

The Easter Song . . . arr. Wilson
Joyful Praise; Bonnie Wutzke, Piano

***Hymn of Exaltation**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 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!

Verse 3

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Interlude

Verse 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!

***Invocation and 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.**

***Hymn of Hope**

Because He Lives

Verse 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.

Chorus

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.

Verse 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. (Chorus)

Verse 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 vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. (Chorus)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22:1-6, 20-28 (ESV)

(p. 457, 458, LP p. 580, 581)

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:22-31 (ESV)

(p. 910, LP p. 1158)

Worshipping the Lord With His Tithe and Our Offerings

8:15 a.m. — *The Easter Song* . . . arr. Wilson
Joyful Praise; Bonnie Wutzke, Pianist

11:00 a.m. — *All Heaven Declares . . .* Fetteke
Sanctuary Choir; Bonnie Wutzke, Pianist

*All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord. Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne. I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone. Alleluia!
I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne. I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone. Alleluia!*

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Lesson

*Children ages 4 through Kindergarten are invited to join the Pastor at the front of the sanctuary
for a message before leaving for Children's Church in classroom 112.*

***Hymn of Preparation**

Christ Arose!

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Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay — Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day — Jesus my Lord!

Chorus 1

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!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed — Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead — Jesus my Lord! (Chorus)

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its Prey — Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away — Jesus my Lord! (Chorus)

The Proclamation of God's Word
This Changes Everything (and Will Keep Changing Everything!)
Matthew 28:1-10, 17-20
Dr. James R. Simoneau

I. Before the Resurrection

Psalm 22:1-6; Matthew 27:57-66; Acts 2:22, 23

II. At the Resurrection

Psalm 22:20-21; Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 2:24-31

III. Beyond the Resurrection

Psalm 22:22-28; Matthew 28:17-20; Romans 1:1-4

***Hymn of Consecration**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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(Stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives my ever-living Head!

Verse 2

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

Verse 5

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

***11:00 a.m. Ministry of Music**

Hallelujah Chorus
Sanctuary Choir

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Carillon on 'The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done' . . . Callahan
Michael Wutzke, Organist

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper will be served during the morning services next week. All those who have received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord and who are members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to partake of this special means of grace. Children who have not been received by the elders as communing members should not partake, but learn by reverent observation, even though they may have trusted Christ for salvation. If you are aware that you have not received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you should allow the elements to pass, and you are urged to repent of your sin and embrace the free offer of salvation in Christ by faith.

Preparation and Reflection

1. After the crucifixion, what was the state of Jesus' followers, individually and corporately? Think of times that you have been discouraged, defeated, even in despair. What does it feel like to have all your plans and dreams fall apart? Do Christians get discouraged and go through depression, a sense of hopelessness, or a sense of overwhelming loss? Have you or ones you know gone through these dark times?
2. Is there any evidence that the disciples were expecting the resurrection? Why did they not understand or grasp the fulfillment of prophecy and Christ's sure promise? How did their reactions show that they were not expecting Jesus to rise again? Do we doubt that Jesus can and will really help us in this life, especially through our trials? Are you wondering whether God really can help you or if He will help you?
3. How did the disciples change after the resurrection? How did they change in their reaction to Jesus? How did the resurrection impact their treatment of each other? How did Jesus' resurrection change the way they lived and spoke to others? How does the resurrection impact the way you live and talk to others? How does Jesus challenge us to respond to the resurrection?



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