

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

People: We are sent in the name of the Risen Christ.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Leader: May the God of peace who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do His will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen. Alleluia!

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CLIMAX, NORTH CAROLINA

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast.**

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HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*Our Mission at Bethlehem UMC is to share the love and spirit of Christ,
be a welcoming fellowship for all, nurture followers of Jesus and send them,
as servants, into the world in need of God's grace.*

6:45 am

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

GATHERING

THE EASTER STORY

John 20:1-18 (NIV)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Glory and Honor, dominion and power be to God forever.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

No. 302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where's thy victory, boating grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: And He is with you.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God our Father, by raising Christ Your Son, You conquered the power of death and opened to us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus, Your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

“The Empty Tomb and You”

Pastor Michael

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe 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.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

PRAYER

HYMN

Up from the Grave He Arose

No. 322

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

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
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!