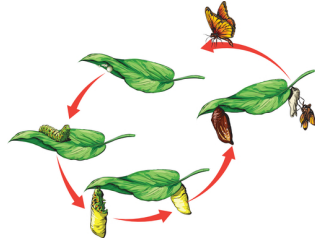


The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

From Caterpillar to Cocoon to Butterfly



“Gathering in God’s presence...”

Solo

Easter Angel Song
Soloist – Caroline Eynon

Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

Leader: From caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly,

People: We have witnessed your transformation.

Leader: Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit as we worship,

People: And may we be transformed, transformed into your butterfly people,

Leader: winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope, and life.

People: Amen.

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise now let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!

Where the angles ever sing. Alleluia!

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Easter Messages – Lou Wylie and Linda Manus

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Response

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Easter Messages – Brian Evans and Jo Ringer

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

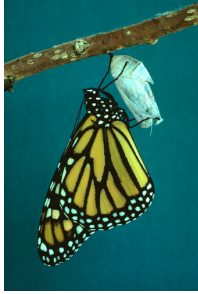
The Scripture Read:

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Celebrating God's Gift of Children



Response

In the Bulb

Hymn of Promise

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, and apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our live, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Butterfly Montage

Images of Butterflies from our Church Family

Reflection

From Caterpillar to Cocoon to Butterfly
Rev. Ashley Sanders, Chris Rogillio, and Ross Sanders

Our Response

Easter Messages – Pam McAlhany and Allen Woods

Prayers of the People & 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.

Easter Messages – Ted Luckadoo and Ann Atchley

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

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Doxology #592

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

Easter Message – Sam Plexico

Prayer of Dedication

Easter Message – Sheri Melton

Sending Hymn

Thine is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

***Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave cloths Where Thy body lay.***

***Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

***Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.***

***Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

***No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; Aide us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.***

***Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

Benediction

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

...sending in God's name."

Leading Worship:
Easter Messages – 2021 Elders
Liturgy – Ron Scroggy, Larry Sharon
Vocals – Caroline Eynon, Karen Coker, Marc Coker
Piano – Marc Coker
Reflection – Chris Rogillio, Ross Sanders
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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