



EASTER SUNDAY
Service of Worship
April 4, 2021
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

PASTORAL WELCOME

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"

John 20:16

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ!

On behalf of Lighthouse United Methodist Church, I welcome you. All are always welcome in this sacred place of divine worship. Life has been difficult for so many people during the COVID-19 Pandemic. But there is eternal hope. Today is a day to rekindle our hope in Jesus Christ. As is proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles: *All of the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name* (10:43).

On this Easter Day, all of us—grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, friends and acquaintances, and everyone gathered here—in all of our diversity and giftedness—we are the parish.

We are here to celebrate the most monumental moment in the history of the world. It is the moment that death submitted to life. It is the moment that darkness yielded to light. It is the moment that the immeasurable and unimaginable grace of God began to reach all of humankind. It is when God cried out— *I am with you, I am for you—and most of all, I love you.*

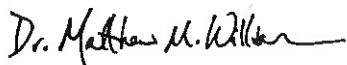
An overwhelming story; on that first Easter morning, Jesus appeared. He appeared to people just like us. The beautiful thing about the redemption that God ushered in through the Resurrection of Jesus is that the story unfolds in ways that are quite understandable for us.

The Risen Christ, in God's infinite love, continues to rise among us—in our parish, in our Sanctuary, in our hearts and he calls us by name. The Easter truth is this: Jesus knows each of us. Jesus experienced life—and in his life he also experienced the pain, suffering, and abandonment that we all experience throughout our lives. Jesus cares for us to the point that he willfully endured death, the grave, and is now alive so that we, too, may have life.

Let us look around among this parish, in this Sanctuary—and we, like Mary the beloved, can also profess "I have seen the Lord." And let us go from this place—into the highways and byways of the busyness of our lives—and tell this story. After all, we are a part of it as it continues to unfold in our communities and world.

Morning has broken. I bring you a message of great joy: the message of Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Thanks be to Almighty God!

In Christ's Victory,



The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

The Worship of God

+please stand if you are able

GATHERING

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin, and celebrate our adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

arr. Mitchel Wallace

THE SOUNDING OF THE EASTER SHELL

James Cochrun

Thine Be the Glory

G.F. Handel

from Acclamations for Easter

arr. Stephen Walters

+GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

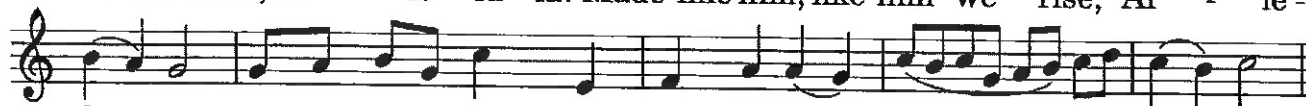
EASTER HYMN



1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth and heaven in
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia! Fought the fight, the
3. Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia! Where, O death, is
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia! Fol-lowing our ex-



cho-rus say, Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al - le -
bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al - le -
now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our souls to save, Al - le -
alt-ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le -



lu - ia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!

Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!

Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

+CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice! Alleluia!
All: **Forgive us, free us, and make us victorious over sin.**
Minister: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.
All: **Guide us in the way of eternal life.**
Minister: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.
All: **Give us joy to serve you faithfully.**
Minister: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.
All: **Direct our lives as your new creation.**
Minister: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.
All: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone"

Stuart Townsend, arr. Kristian Standfill

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

I find my strength, I find my home, I find my help in Christ alone.
When fear assails, when darkness falls, I find my peace in Christ alone.
I give my life, I give my all, I sing my song to Christ alone.
The King of Kings, the Lord of all, All heaven sings to Christ alone.
To Christ alone, in Christ alone, Til he returns or calls me home.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand. Here in the power of Christ we stand.

PROCLAMATION

The Word is encountered in speech and song as scripture is interpreted and expounded.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Father of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and resurrection hope, and send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

New Testament Page 121

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN 306

"The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

Antiphon (at the beginning and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of
 2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions

life is won; the song of tri-umph has be-gun: Al-le-lu-ia!
 hath dispersed; let shouts of ho-ly joy out-burst: Al-le-lu-ia!

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16: 1-8

New Testament, Page 51

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. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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.

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped; he ris - es glo - rious
4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy

from the dead; all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

Not an Ending, But the Beginning

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

RESPONSE

We respond by lifting our prayers, setting the table and praising the triune God.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God,
that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly
in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
and grant that we may serve Christ in them,
and love one another as Christ loves us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Prayers of the congregation are lifted)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died,
that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with all your saints
in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.
All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

There is a Redeemer
Jackie Allen, Soloist

Melody Green
arr. Lloyd Larson

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving head.*

*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!*

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
Jesus, my Redeemer, God's own Son!*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Minister Continues...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Elise Eslinger

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Minister Continues...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

Elise Eslinger

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

The Minister continues...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

The Great Amen

Elise Eslinger



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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Minister: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you,
and feed on them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven, and
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation
keep you in everlasting life.

All are invited to remove the seals from the cups and receive the elements at this time.

+MUSICAL INTERLUDE

I Am the Bread of Life

Susan Toolan

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Minister: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself for us.
Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel
No. 44 Chorus, The Messiah

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
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 for ever and ever,

King of kings,
and Lord of lords,
and He shall reign,
for ever and ever,
Hallelujah!
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
for ever and ever.
King of kings!
and Lord of lords!

Hallelujah!



I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.
Revelation 22: 13-14

SENDING FORTH

*We follow the Word into the world, sent forth
from God's table and with God's blessing to lives of service and love.*

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 310

"He Lives!"

ACKLEY

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.

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.

Refrain

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

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Minister: We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection.

All: Alleluia!

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all now and forever more.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "This is the Feast"

C. Callahan

*Offering baskets are located at the rear of the Sanctuary and entrance to the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you for your gifts and investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church.*

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memoriam

Nicole Coleman

Claretha Davis

Jean Williams

Norma Spry, Bill and Pauline Long

Jim and Barbara Peters

Our Deceased Parents and Siblings

Margaret Miller

Amy Steinman

Kay A. Billman

Dr. Karl and Dolores Zilch

John "Pete" Peterson

George Lyons

Clarence and Elizabeth Houck

Jack Houck

Roger Hutchinson

June Gray

Jennifer Rogerson and Ruth Cardwell Rogerson

Tom Nordlie

Janice and Maynard Farren

Douglas Mayville and
William and Mary Dennison

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Anna Boney

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Matthew, Joy, and Ethan Williams

Kathy Peters

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Carol and Henry Elwood

Dennis and Mary Johnston

Jean and Bill Steinman

H. Neal Billman

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Nancy and John Peterson

Anne Lyons

Rich and Debby Houck

Rich and Debby Houck

Rich and Debby Houck

Susie and Tucker Carlson

Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson

Jim and JoAnn Nordlie

Don Farren

Linda Mayville

EASTER FLOWER HONORARIUMS

In Honor of

Jesus Christ
Boca Grande Health Clinic
Nick and Helen Kaiser
Betty McCoy
Henry and Carol Elwood
Marjorie Moore
Our Children and Grandchildren
In Thanks for Answered Prayer
Doctors and Medical Staff who
Are helping our grandson Harrison

Placed By

Dennis and Mary Johnston
Pam and Larry Hannah
Candy Rost
Candy Rost
Ellie and Bob Young
Judy Thomas
Chris and Kay Rembold
Wickman and Mitchell Families
Howard and Marilyn Witt



Christ Pantocrator, Deesis Mosaic, 13th Century

Welcome!

We are honored that you are here! If you are a first time guest, please pick up a gift mug as a token of our gratitude for your presence here today. All are welcome into the congregational life, ministry, and membership of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. For information on baptism and membership, please contact us at info@bglighthouseumc.com

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are provided in memory of the Saints who have been ushered into the Church Triumphant and who rest in the Lighthouse United Methodist Church Columbarium.

UMW News

Last Sunday, March 28, the UMW raised \$2,050 from our Bake Sale. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended this event. The total profit from our three fundraisers, plus your generous donations, is \$25,000. We will be deciding soon on our local missions in need of financial support and will be sharing this information with all of you. We are so grateful to all who supported our fundraisers during this pandemic which gives us the opportunity to support our missions.

The UMW will be having a General Meeting on Monday, April 12, at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch; refreshments and desserts will be provided.

Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium

The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

Spring Worship Service Schedule

Worship services this Spring, after Easter, will be held at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. The early service features blended music and the later service features traditional music.

Sunday School

Children are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday School during the 10:30 AM worship service each week.

Stay Updated

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/bglighthouseumc; YouTube and sign up for our Weekly Newsletter by visiting our website bglighthouseumc.com - Resources - Weekly Newsletter.



CONNECT CARD

WELCOME! We'd like

to help you get connected.

Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

Let us know how we can reach out to you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

How long have you attended LH Church?

- 1st time guest 2nd time guest
 Guest from out of town
 Regular attendee Member

I am interested in:

- Having the Pastor Contact Me
 Youth and Families
 Small Groups
 Missions
 United Methodist Women
 Men's Prayer Group
 Strawberry Festival Volunteer
 Stephen Ministry
 Greeting and Ushering
 Communion Stewardship
 Fellowship Hour Hospitality
 Singing in the Choir
 Membership

PRAYER REQUESTS

*In everything by prayer...
Let your requests be made known unto
God.*

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here and
place it in the offering plate or hand
it to an usher.

Please pray for

Requested by

Date _____

Phone number () _____

Email _____

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED

**UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RE-
CEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE**

KEEP US UPDATED AT

941-964-2479

I would like someone to
contact me to pray over
more confidential matters.

Serving Today.

Liturgist - Joan Senior

Acolytes - 8:30 AM: Matthew teVelde, James teVelde

10:30 AM: Bradford Boney, Hampton Boney

Ushers - 8:30 AM: Rich and Debbie Houck

Linden and Kathi Hustedt

Jim and Ruth Paschall

Ushers - 10:30 AM: Richard and Dian Klepser

Colvin and Madelaine McCrady

Candy Rost and Kathi Hustedt

Guest Musicians - Julia Lehman - Trumpet

Alex MacDonald - Trombone

Jeff Goldblatt - Trombone

Sean Stolliker - Percussion

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