

David's UCC on April 4, 2021
Easter Resurrection Celebration
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – *Tim Williams and Lyn Morton*

(the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

"Living Bread" Henry Baker, arr. by Richard A. Williamson

"Easter Song" Anne Herring

"Fanfare and Statement on Llanfair" Robert Williams, arr. by Edward Broughton

"Christ Arose!" Robert Lowry, arr. by Teresa Wilhelmi

Welcome – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

Easter Announcement –

Call to Worship –

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

Many: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities. Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

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Special Music – Handbell Choir

"Thine is Glory" George Fredric Handel, arr. by Bill Ingram

Canticle: Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24 (adapted from The Message and NRSV)

One: Thank the Lord, because God is good, because God's love never quits.

Many: Let's tell the world, people of God, "God's love never quits!"

One: God's my strength, God's also my song.

Many: God has become our salvation.

One: There are triumph songs in the camps of those saved:

Many: The hand of God has turned the tide!

One: The hand of God is raised in victory!

Many: The hand of God has turned the tide!

One: I didn't die. I lived!

Many: Now I'm telling the world what God has done.

One: God tested me, God pushed me hard,

Many: But God has not handed us over to Death.

One: Swing wide the city gates, that the righteous may enter!

Many: Let us enter together, and thank God!

One: The Temple Gate belongs to God,

Many: So the victors can enter and praise.

One: Thank You for responding to me;

Many: You've truly become our salvation!

One: The stone the masons discarded as flawed

Many: Has now become the cornerstone!

One: This is the work of God.

Many: We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

One: This is the very day that God acted—

Many: Let us celebrate, and be festive!

Hymn – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Andy Randall on trumpet

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**
- 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!**
- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Scripture –

Hebrew – Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

Epistle – Acts 10: 34 – 43

Gospel – Mark 16: 1 – 8

Sermon – “We Are Made For A Life That Is Real Life”

Hymn – “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

(Tim & Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- 2. By the pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**
- 3. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us, let your kin-dom come, O Lord.**

Invitation to Communion –

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **If, at times, we deny you: God forgive. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive. If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive. In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to please forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubts so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral and Communion Prayers, Silent Prayers and Lord’s Prayer –

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion –

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er" G. P. S. Palestrina, arr. by Lani Smith

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