



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 31, 2023

Easter Sunday

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.

Prelude

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

Noah Mendoza and Will Hamblin, trumpets
Tyler Thompson, trombone; Terence Burkes, tuba

Choral Introit

Easter Fanfare

E. E. Ferguson

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn No. 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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 him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

**through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

Psalter

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Ps. 118:24
Richard Proulx

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce and be glad.

Response

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 **Let Israel say,**
“His steadfast love endures forever.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.
- 15 **There are joyous songs of victory**
in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly! ”
- 17 I shall not die but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- 18 **The Lord has chastened me sorely,**
but has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 **This is the gate of the Lord,**
the righteous shall enter through it.

Response

- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 **The stone which the builders rejected**
has become the cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Response

Second Reading

[I Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

Hymn

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

1. Good Christians all, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2. The Lord of life is ris'n to - day! Sing songs of praise a -
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
long his way; Let all the earth re - joyce and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

Sermon

Finishing the Story

Dr. Matt Bates

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

O Sons and Daughters of the King

K. Lee Scott

Doxology No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

Hymn No. 306

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

PASSION CHORALE

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Benediction

Choral Response

Easter Fanfare

E. E. Ferguson

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Altar flowers this morning are in celebration of Easter Sunday!

Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE - The Serving Team invites the congregation to a *Mission Fair*, immediately following the service on May 19, 2024. At the Mission Fair, you'll get a chance to visit local organizations offering volunteer opportunities. As you make your way through each booth, you will earn a ticket. The ticket(s) will allow you to build an ice cream sundae.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY –Join us on Zoom at 10:00am. An email with more information and the Zoom link is sent out every Tuesday. If you would like to join us, contact the church office for the details and to be put on the email list.

Upcoming Events

April 1	Office Closed	
April 2	Noon	AA
April 3	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
April 5	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
	Noon	AA
April 7	10:30 am	Worship – In person and online