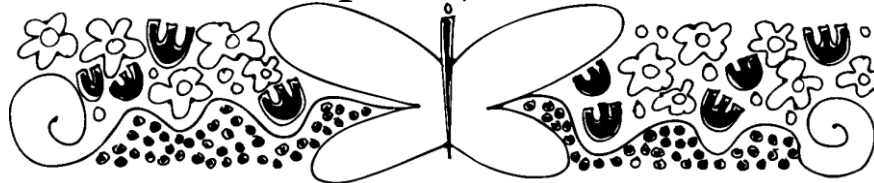


Faith United Methodist Church

April 12, 2020



The Resurrection of our Lord

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#302

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

In the Garden

#314

*I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.*

Refrain: *And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.*

Refrain

*I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.*

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Hymn

He Lives

#310

*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***

Psalm 116

R – *The cup of salvation I will raise, and call on the name of the Lord.*

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,
and has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!’ R

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, ‘I am greatly afflicted’;

I said in my consternation, ‘all humans are a vain hope.’ R

What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! R**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and swell in every place and time.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.*

*In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Gospel Response: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Children's Time

Special Music

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayer: Speak to us, Risen Christ, along this road: **explain the Scriptures, break open the bread of life, and set our hearts on fire with your love. Amen.**

Witness

Into the Unknown

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

Gloria Patri

Gloria 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 with-out end. A-men. A-men.

Song of Prayer: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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. Amen.**

Confession & Pardon

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Peace of Christ **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

Song of Offerings: Do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you remember me; do, Lord, oh Lord, oh do you, remember me; do Lord, oh do, Lord, oh do you, remember me, way beyond the blue.

Collecting of Tithes & Offering

Doxology: *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.*

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

#327

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.*

*Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.*

*His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.*

*His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.*

*All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*

Benediction

Benediction Response

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Prayer List

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Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio
Shirley Battaglio
Linda Bergen
Robert & Alicia Besser
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Mary Callahan
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
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Michaelalan Coleman*
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Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis
Bobbye Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Lane Duhe
Julie Duplichan
Jerre Edmondson
Joe Floyd
Julie & Lucy Floyd
Family of Vance Gerald
Lorene Green
MaryJo Hebert
Christie Hale
Edna & Raymond Jones
Alice Kethley
Shirley Kethley
Kristie Key
Clyde Landry
Family of Rose Latta
Gail Lauve
Christi Leblanc
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
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Barbara Martin
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Linda Meyers
Maribeth Moore
Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
John & Candance Perkins
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Joann Savelle
Jim & Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
Loretta Thibodeaux
Sadina Hammock Ward
Mary Alice Weitzel
Mary Rose Williams
Gail Wright
Greta Zerasky



We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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