

# Order of Worship

Easter Day

April 4, 2021

The liturgical color is white celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers, and for the work of Christ in the world.*

- Prelude** "Easter Joy" arr. Helman  
*Adult Handbell Choir, Brass Quintet, Organ*
- Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
- \* **Processional Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Dobrinski  
*Handbells, Brass Quintet, Organ, Piano*
- \* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Meredith M. Dark **8:30/9:45** | Rev. Howle **11:00**  
**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.**
- \* **The 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.**
- Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Dark **8:30/9:45** | Rev. Howle **11:00**
- The Lord's Prayer**
- Children's Message** Julia Brooks
- \* **Hymn of Preparation** "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus" arr. Mokolbust  
*Adult Handbell Choir, Brass Quintet, Organ, Piano*
- \* **Sermon Text** John 20:1-8  
*Laura Bowden 8:30 | Gerri Watson 9:45 | Preston Bowers 11:00*  
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 toward 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.
- Anthem** "Embrace The Cross" arr. Fettke  
Sally Burr, Aaron Burr, *Duet*
- Sermon** "While It Was Still Dark" Rev. Howle **8:30/9:45**  
Rev. Dark **11:00**
- \* **Closing Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. McKechnie  
*Adult Handbell Choir, Brass Quintet, Organ, Piano*
- \* **Benediction** Rev. Howle | Rev. Dark
- Postlude** "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Van Dyke  
*Brass Quintet, Organ*

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

## “Christ The Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to 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 thy victory O 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!

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## “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave;  
thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy Hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

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## “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this celestial ball,  
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder scared throng we at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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The floral arrangements in the Chancel this Easter are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Pastors and Staff at FUMC by Roselle Williamson. The white calla lily and the Easter lily represent resurrection, rebirth, and new beginning. They also symbolize purity, joy, hope and life. The greenery represents hope and victory of life over death.

Thank you to our musicians who enhanced our services of worship with their talents: Samantha Miller, John Washburn, *Trumpet*; Chad Horsley, Charlie Lee, *Trombone*; Tyler Tuncy, *French Horn*; Jesse Willis, *Percussion*; and Norman McQueen, *Director*; Sally Burr, Aaron Burr, Kim Alexander, *Vocals*; Darlene Smith, *Organ*; D. Scott Ferguson, *Piano*. And to our Adult Handbell Choir for their gift of music: Kathy Brittain, Preston Bowers, Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Debbie Duncan, Jamie Eagerton, Dabney Joyner, Shai Khan, Melinda Morgan, Darlene Rebeck, Kathy Rodwell, Ginny Roof, Susan Wagner, Leslie Wasserman, Willa Wrenn, and Jayne Smith, *Director*.

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ as we worship together.

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## Assisting in Worship

### USHERS

**8:30 & 9:45** Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

**11:00** Rusty Watson, Lisa Sawicki, Neal Bowers, Don Myers, Daniel Shuler, Annette Willett, Ed Willett

**ACOLYTES** 8:30 | Anna Kate Brittain 9:45 | Zachary Horsley 11:00 | Meredith Bowers  
**CRUCIFERS** 8:30 | Lilly Langway 9:45 | Reagan McQueen 11:00 | Jackson Bowers