

MUMC At-Home Worship:

April 12, 2020 (Easter!)

He is risen! Hallelujah!

Friends, we have made it to a day of celebration. I know that it may feel like a challenge to celebrate today as we all remain in our homes and may remain for some time – included with this guide is a copy of a letter I sent this week sharing that we will continue to refrain from in person worship and gathering until at least April 30th. But at the same time, we are an Easter people and know that God’s light shines even in the darkness! As best we can, let us make today’s worship one of celebration. Sing loud, pray joyfully, and eat a good meal.

Happy Easter.

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Dear God, open our hearts to the joy of Easter and the promise of resurrection. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, United Methodist Hymnal #302 – [watch/listen here](#)

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Reflect:

1. In Luke’s gospel, it is the women going to care for Jesus’ body that first hear of the resurrection and tell the good news to the apostles. Who are some people in your own life that have shared the good news of the resurrection with you?
2. The disciples found the women’s news of resurrection hard to believe (verse 11). Have you ever had trouble believing what God was doing in your life?
3. What does faith in the resurrection mean to you? How might the resurrection change you this week?

Hymn: *Up from the Grave He Arose*, United Methodist Hymnal #322 – [watch/listen here](#)

Prayer Requests: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: *He Lives*, United Methodist Hymnal #310 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, as we leave this time of worship, may we take the joy of the resurrection with us. Help our lives be a witness to your light that it may shine wherever we go. In your holy name we pray, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

***Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (v.1-3,5)**

United Methodist Hymnal #302

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!
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!

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Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

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Up From the Grave He Arose
United Methodist Hymnal #128

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly the watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly the seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
(*Refrain*)
3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(*Refrain*)

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He Lives
United Methodist Hymnal #310

1. 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.

2. In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and thought 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*)
3. 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*)

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