

MUMC At-Home Worship:

April 19, 2020

He is risen ... still!

Sometimes called Eastertide, the traditional celebration of Easter in the church lasts for longer than a single day. There's just too much joy around Jesus' resurrection to contain it all in one celebration! I hope this week's worship helps continue the Easter spirit for another week. You might also enjoy using the [Michigan Conference's Easter worship service](#) as we will use in our live streamed worship this morning. Happy second Sunday of 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 to the United Methodist's worldwide virtual choir!](#)

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Reflect:

1. When Jesus finds the two disciples on the road, their faces were downcast. Have you ever felt similarly? Does it make a difference to imagine that Jesus might have been with you even if you didn't recognize his presence?
2. The two disciples finally recognized Jesus when he was breaking bread with them. What significance might this have? What are some times when you are most likely to recognize Jesus?
3. After Jesus leaves them, the disciples realize that their hearts were "on fire" when Jesus was explaining the scriptures and they rush to Jerusalem to share the news. Have you experienced a heart "on fire" moment? Did you do anything in response to feeling this way?

Hymn: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*, United Methodist Hymnal #318 – [watch/listen here](#)

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

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering, Son*, United Methodist Hymnal #308 – [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!

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Luke 24:13-35 (CEB)

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words,

he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

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Christ is Alive (v.1-3,5)

United Methodist Hymnal #318

5. 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.
6. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.
7. Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
8. In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
9. 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.

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Thine Be the Glory

United Methodist Hymnal #308

1. Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o’er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (*Refrain*)
3. No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

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