

## MUMC At-Home Worship: April 18, 2021

As I reflect over the last year, I am so thankful to be part of a church community that has made such a concerted effort to ensure that worship remained a vital part of our life together even when we couldn't be physically together! This coming Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, we are resuming indoor, in-person worship while also continuing our other worship options including this at-home guide and our sermon by phone line (734-206-1531). Along with other precautions such as masking and social distancing, the in-person worship has a maximum attendance of 40 and requires attendance in advance to ensure we maintain this limit. If you'd like to attend an in-person service, please register by calling the church office at 734-428-8495 the week before the service you would like to attend. Whichever worship option you chose, I am so glad to be in worship with you. ~ *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 even as it might startle or surprise us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** *The Day of Resurrection*, United Methodist Hymnal #303 [watch/listen here](#)

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:36-48

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Reflect:**

1. How would you describe the state of the disciples Jesus encounters in this passage? Why might Luke have emphasized this? Does this make the disciples more relatable to you?
2. If you were one of the disciples, how might you have heard Jesus' command to "Touch me and see" or "Grab hold and see"? Might this have brought you an assurance that strengthened your belief, or drawn out a guilt that highlighted your previous doubts?
3. How might Luke be helping the readers understand the reality of Jesus' incarnational (physically real) presence? How might a faith grounded in the reality of the world present all around us inspire us toward acts of mercy and compassion to our neighbors, both nearby and all around the world?

**Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, United Methodist Hymnal #327 [watch/listen here](#)

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** *Lead On, O King Eternal*, United Methodist Hymnal #580 [watch/listen here](#)

**Closing Prayer:** Merciful God, we are continually amazed to find you truly present in the world. Open our eyes to see your presence and our hands to serve alongside you, that our own lives might be a witness to the wonder we have seen. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

***The Day of Resurrection***  
**United Methodist Hymnal #303**

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

*"The Day of Resurrection" words by John of Damascus, trans. By John Mason Neale, 1862; music by Henry T. Smart, 1835; both are in the public domain.*

**Luke 24:36-48 (CEB)**

While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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**Crown Him with Many Crowns**  
**United Methodist Hymnal #327**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns” words by  
Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George J.  
Elvey, 1868; and both are in the public domain.*

**Lead On, O King Eternal**  
**United Methodist Hymnal #580**

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal;  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

*“Lead On, O King Eternal” words by Brian  
Wren, 1973; music by Henry Carey, ca. 1723;  
harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906. Words  
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