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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

HYMN: *Thine Is the Glory*

MORNING PRAYER

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed. Let us come together on this day, in different houses but together in spirit. Let us worship the Holy One who so loved us. Let us worship the light that shines in the darkness. Although at this time things feel different and uncertain, we are sustained by our faith. As we come to celebrate Easter, we remember the many times that Jesus' disciples were confused or uncertain and yet allowed their faith to sustain them. Today we raise our voices to say Jesus has risen! Christ has risen indeed! Let us worship the risen God, Amen.

INTROIT: *Lift High the Cross* Sateren

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, on this Holy day lift up our hearts and minds to feel your presence. During this crisis, we are left with lonely feelings and isolated moments. We are left without celebrations with friends and families. We are left with so many changes that it can be overwhelming. Forgive us this week for the times we failed

to see you; forgive us when we made judgment calls or left things undone. Continue to work in us and through us despite the many obstacles that we face this week. Continue to remind us that we are worthy of your love and accepted into your fold.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Believe the good news. We are all made worthy. Our shortcomings are not failures. Trust in God and accept that you are forgiven! **Amen.**

ANTHEM: *Resurrection (an Easter medley)* Curry

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

MESSAGE *Light of Hope* Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Emma Steck
Eddie Balsamo
The James Haefele Family
The Mastrangelo Family
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family
Emily & Dwight Dyer
Suzan Chou & Family

Dawn and John de Sesa
Rev. Stark Jones
Inesa Murphy
Kelly Eickenbrock
Terry Hinton
Cathy and Jason Nelson

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak
And those who are on the front lines helping

Flower donations for Easter Sunday are in memory of Shapoor Zarghami by his beloved wife, Katie, and the Zarghami family.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Second Reading

John 20:1-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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. ² 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.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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.’” ¹⁸ 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.

HYMN
“Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is 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 is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

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]

HYMN
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

INTROIT
“Lift High The Cross”

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Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘Till all the world adore His sacred Name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘Till all the world adore His sacred Name.
Set up Thy throne, that earth’s despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘Till all the world adore His sacred Name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Lord, the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
‘Till all the world proclaims:
O praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord.

RESURRECTION

(An Easter Medley)

for congregation

TRADITIONAL HYMNS
Arranged by CRAIG CURRY

Verse 1:
Choir and Congregation



Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heav'n in cho - rus say, — Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, — ye heav'ns and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 2: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(Choir only) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 3: Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
(Choir only) Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
O, sometimes I feel like shouting glory,
I shout glory to God!

Verse 4:
Choir and Congregation



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.



Melt the clouds of sin and — sad - ness, drive the — dark of doubt a - way.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness on this res - ur - rec - tion day!

Postlude: Alleluia! Alleluia!
(Choir only) Amen!

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