

**Columbia
United Church
Of Christ**

April 12, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Easter Sunday"

Gathering Music/Prelude

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

The Journey Begins with Palm Sunday (Mark 11:7-10) Pastor Rick

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Palm Sunday Hymn-**FIRST** verse only

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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The Journey Continues Through Good Friday (Luke 23:44-46) Pete Jaberg

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Good Friday/Passion Hymn- **SECOND** verse only

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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The Promises of Resurrection are fulfilled (Mark 16:2,5-7) Pastor Rick

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him."

Easter Praise Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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Carrying in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Pete Jaberg

Christ the Lord is Risen today!

The tomb is empty, God's promises fulfilled!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

As the beloved disciple Mary received the message of Salvation,
We receive your message as well.

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

The women at the tomb were awestruck and faith-filled.
Believing God's message from the angel,
They went to Galilee to proclaim God's Glory Revealed!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Let us be like those women, proclaiming the Resurrection for all to hear.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Opening Prayer

Pete Jaberg

God of Hope, we confess that often we are like the guards at the tomb that Easter morning. Faced with the possibility of new life, and hope, we choose instead the hopeless ways of the world. We are sorry for the times we have neglected you and your will in our lives; choosing death over life, hopelessness over hope.

On this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with courage so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us. Even in these troubled times of global pandemic, come into our lives, God, and bring us Resurrection as well! In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Even in times such as this, God's promise of New Life and Resurrection belongs to us. Through the Resurrection of Jesus, God gives us the gift of hope. In these troubled times, there is always hope. God is working miracles through us. Praise God, who loves us, forgives us and redeems us. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed.

Prayer Response

"Hear Our Prayer"

**Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
Hear our Prayer, O LORD;
And grant us thy Peace! A-men!**

Children's Time

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back**

Testimony:

"Hail the Day the Sees Him Rise"

Hope Keithahn & Hazel Keithahn (Violin & Cello) with Amy Crousore, Accompanist

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 28:1-20

Pete Jaberg

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His

appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Testimony: "Improvisation of 'Whispering Hope'" Harry Beckett

Easter Homily: "Hope in Hopeless Times" Pastor Rick

Praise Hymn: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" #243

Invitation to Communion

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Invocation; Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Rick

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table. Thank you for the Bread of Life, that sustains us all in this time of suffering; and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. May we continue to love you by testifying to others and proclaiming our faith boldly; as the women did at the tomb that day. Make our whole lives faithful to your ministry, shown to us through Jesus Christ; and may our lives embody the Resurrection promises given to us this day in your sacred meal. Now as one church we gather, singing the prayer you taught us...

The LORD's Prayer (sung by the congregation, led by Jason Schoeneberg)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life
Presenting our Gifts

“Hallelujah”

Pastor Rick
Amy Crousore
Haydn/Carter



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Response “We Praise You, O God”
**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

#420

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Rick

Benediction

Response: “Let There be Peace on Earth”
**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

Postlude

“Fantasia on Jesus Shall Reign”

Amy Crousore
David Paxton