

Columbia United Church Of Christ

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunrise



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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
- No matter where you are on your faith journey;
- No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
- No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
- No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
- No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
- You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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6:30am Worship

Happy Easter!

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Gathering Music

Kristin Veteto

Welcome and Greetings– Gathering with God’s Blessings

“Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took Jesus’ body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in in it.” -John 19:39-42 (from “The Message”)

***Call to Worship**

We gathered in the Sanctuary Friday to witness a sad event;
The Savior betrayed; denied; mocked; crucified.

But this morning, everything is renewed!

Christ is not dead, but alive! Christ has Risen! Alleluia!

Up from the grave, our Savior arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! Let all the world rejoice!

Christ the Savior is here to stay! Let us praise him!

Remembering the love exemplified on the cross, we gather;

Celebrating that Christ has conquered the grave!

We remember the prophetic ministry of Jesus’ Last Week!

We remember the promise of New Life!

We remember and celebrate God’s Kingdom in our midst!

Up from the grave he arose! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn**

“Up From the Grave He Arose!”

(insert)

***Gathering Prayer**

God of Resurrection miracles; we have sat in the morning dew listening to this sunrise story heard on Easter morning dozens of times; yet today we hear it anew. We open our lives to your prophetic ministry and love revealed by the empty tomb today. We gather, believing in Salvation and believing in your continual promises, creating New Life where there had only

been death; creating abundance where there had only been emptiness. Create in us hearts that are ever receptive to the ways that you are constantly recreating us; that we may be vessels of your Salvation for the world. In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

Children's Time & Flowering the Cross

As you come forward to place your flower in the cross, pause a moment at the foot of the cross to say a silent (or out loud) prayer thanking God for all of the blessings in your life. Families (whatever form the term 'family' means to you) may want to approach the cross together, and say a communal prayer.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Sermon "Mixed Reviews"

Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" (insert)

Invitation to Communion

Prayer; Institution; Fraction

We will celebrate communion symbolically as we have during the pandemic; taking the communion elements into ourselves using symbolic gesture as Kristin plays meditative music. As we do, contemplate the wisdom Christ shared with us at the table; wisdom that is Resurrected in our lives today.

Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Parting Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (insert)

*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!**

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CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

Transforming both the congregation and community

through service and outreach



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