

Easter Sunday

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The Family of God Gathers

Prelude

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship.

Opening Music 84 Bulletin page 8

“This Is the Day”

Call to Worship †§

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! The women who went to anoint Jesus’ body found that his tomb was empty because he had risen from the dead!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 233 Bulletin page 9

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession †§

God of life and hope, we confess that even on this most holy day we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your loving presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: The good news of Easter is that life and love are victorious over the ways of death: through God’s steadfast love you are unconditionally forgiven!

P: You are forgiven! Alleluia!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

Passing the Peace

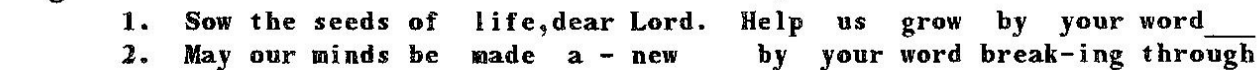
Now please take a moment and share the peace with those in your household and/or offer a moment to send prayers of peace to those you love who are not with you.

Gloria



Greetings

Centering Song



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The Service of the Word

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

L; The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

P: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel

John 20:1–18

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. 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.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet

they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 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.’” 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.

Sermon

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“The Day of Resurrection”

The Response to the Word

Offering “Sing a New Song”

Lorin Divine, Lynn McFadyen

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †§

Generous God, you shower us with gifts so abundant we cannot measure them all. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, and those who have not yet experienced the good news of your Easter love. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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, for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Bulletin page 11

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Benediction †§

L: Go from here renewed and hopeful, knowing the Lord is alive and present.
Look for the blessings that await you this week,

P: **to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who celebrate, and to share the good news.**

L: Now may the truth of the empty tomb keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

All: **Alleluia!**

Postlude

“God Is Still Speaking”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen • Liturgist: Ben Bechle

We of Plymouth extend to you our hand of fellowship and an invitation to become a member. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak with or send a note to Pastor David or our Moderator, Barb Kleist. Our table always has room for more.

Cross illumination for April is sponsored by Lil Savage in memory of her brothers, Paul and Carl.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, April 17

9:30 A.M. Muffin Breakfast

100 A.M. Celebration Worship

Tuesday, April 19

10:00 A.M. Quilters

Saturday, April 23

9:00 A.M. NW Association

Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 24

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

We pray for:

- All UCC missionaries and ordained and licensed ministers; the ministry and mission of the UCC and the Church universal



The beautiful spring flowers that adorn our worship space this Easter morning were given by the following people: **Dorothy Gilbertson; Larry & Barb Kleist** in honor of Susie Kleist, Stacy & Peter Gantner, Max and Mia Gantner; **Charline Kozlowski** in memory of her husband Chet; **Lynn McFadyen; Louise Partlow** in memory of Alice Steuding; **Mimi Pederson** in memory of her sister Trudy and in honor of her husband Terry and children Aimée and Mitchell; **Lil Savage** in memory of Jim Welk; **Pete Spitt** in memory of his wife Sharon and his brother Wallace;

George Stecher in honor of Dorothy Gilbertson and in memory of Kay Stecher; **Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin** in memory of Mike's mother Audrey Tschumperlin

This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.

St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E \flat

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

A \flat E \flat A \flat

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century

Mark 16:1-6

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
 the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



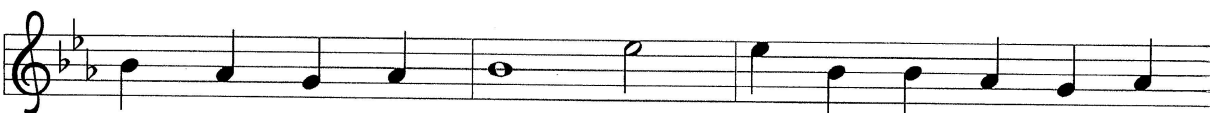
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - 'peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Who we are...

Plymouth UCC is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, since we are all created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, humor, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

Spiritual Care Package

Questions for Reflection

What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead? How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the way you think about sin and death? How does it change the way you live?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Help us to know that you are with us—through the promise of your Word, in the sharing of a meal, and by the power of your Spirit that burns within our hearts. Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.

God is still speaking,