



First United Methodist Church

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Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 am

PRELUDE

JoySong, Hayes

WELCOME

* OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE VV 1-4

IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

Lift High the Cross 159

Refrain (Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Fine

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Harmony

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low this tri - um - phant sign. The
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, as
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

D.C.

hosts of God in u - ni - ty com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

WORDS: George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

CRUCIFER
10 10 with Refrain

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People : The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Mighty God,
we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,
but in faith we do see Jesus.
We thank you for the humility and holiness
in which he lived and died.
We praise you that he freed us from our sin,
that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,
and that he gives us courage to follow him.
For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:
Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic+ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM READING

Psalm 133 (CEB)

1 Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!

2 It is like expensive oil
poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard!—
which extended over the collar
of his robes.

3 It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down
onto the mountains of Zion
because it is there that the Lord
has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

OFFERTORY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us; Townend, arr. Shackley

NT READING

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2(CEB)

1 We announce to you what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have seen and our hands handled, about the word of life. 2 The life was revealed, and we have seen, and we testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. 3 What we have seen and heard, we also announce it to you so that you can have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy can be complete.

5 This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all." 6 If we claim, "We have fellowship with him," and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully.

7 But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. 8 If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong. 10 If we claim, "We have never sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you don't sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. 2 He is God's way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAYER (vv 1,2,3,5)

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

296 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Unison

1. Sing, my tongue, the glo-rious bat-tle, sing the end-ing
2. Tell how, when at length the full-ness of th'ap-point-ed
3. Thus, with thir-ty years ac-com-plished, went he forth from
4. Faith-ful cross, thou sign of tri-umph, now for us the glo-ry: to the Fa-ther
of the fray; now a-bove the cross, the tro-phy,
time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of wom-an,
Naz-a-reth, des-tined, ded-i-cat-ed, will-ing,
no-blest tree, none in fo-liage, none in blos-som,
and the Son, to th'e-ter-nal Spir-it hon-or
sound the loud tri-um-phant lay: tell how Christ, the
left for us his heav-en-ly home; showed us hu-man
wrought his work, and met his death. Like a lamb he
none in fruit thy peer may be; sym-bol of the
now and ev-er-more be done; praise and glo-ry
world's Re-deem-er, as a vic-tim won the day.
life made per-fect, shone as light a-mid the gloom.
hum-bly yield-ed on the cross his dy-ing breath.
world's re-demp-tion, for the weight that hung on thee!
in the high-est, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

WORDS: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 6th cent.; trans. by Percy Dearmer, 1931
MUSIC: French carol melody; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ACTS READING

Acts 4:32-35(CEB)

32 The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, “This is mine!” about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. 33 The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. 34 There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, 35 and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

ANTHEM

Calvary's Love
(Rachel Black)

* GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.”
²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven; if you don’t forgive them, they aren’t forgiven.”

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn’t with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, “We’ve seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won’t believe.”

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!”

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God’s Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

SERMON

Rev. Chad Foster

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
 through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

322 Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, (he a - rose) with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a -

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE
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rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! (he a-rose) He a - rose! (he a-rose) Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the third line of lyrics. The third system covers the fourth line of lyrics, which includes a double bar line at the end of the vocal line.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day!, Williams, arr. Livingston