



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 (niv)

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Ushers: Johnny Wood, Randy & Anita Heller, David & Marion, Drain, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre,
Joan Alexander, Rita Simmers

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude ~ Highland Bells "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. S. Tucker

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: The story is not over;

People: It has just begun.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

People: The tomb is empty,

Leader: And one word says it all:

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Paul writes, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Today of all days, we proclaim that indeed nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen! Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**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.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18 Luke

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message

"Joy in the Morning"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Choral Anthem "He is not here!" *(words can be found on back of bulletin)*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

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.

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #122 "Thine Is the Glory"

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Benediction Response "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F. Handel

Postlude "Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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A/V: Gus Beaulieu and Ken Osborne

He is Not Here!

'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord,
And walking to the tomb, said "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?
Then, behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead,
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead!"
He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here!, He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.

When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true;
But running there to find the empty tomb, they believed it too.
In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead,
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead!
He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here!, He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.

The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia!

And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is no in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and pow'r to reign,
He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here!, He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.

Alleluia!

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