**He Is Risen**

**Easter Sunday, 2021**

**Welcome**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: He is risen, indeed!**

**Prelude** “Because He Lives” – Setting by J. Raney

**\*Invitation to Worship (With Passion!)**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

**P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  UMH- 302

**\*Opening Prayer**

Gracious and Loving God, we are people who often live our lives in routine, but who rarely enter into the fullness of the abundant life. In Easter, you accomplished the impossible. You proved your Word and your faithfulness with the remarkable power of the resurrection of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We, however, live as though the tomb was not empty. Forgive us for not walking in the light of your love. Forgive us for doubting that your Word is reliable and true. Forgive us for refusing to believe that you would do what you promised. As we confess our sins and doubts, we also affirm that through the cross you have conquered these once and for all. May we live abundantly in the power that raised Jesus from the dead. We pray humbly in the risen Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Easter Music** They Could Not – Ron Harris & Claire Cloninger

 Owen Lovejoy

**Children’s Moments**

**Easter Hymn:** Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise  UMH - 312

**Scripture                 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. 2So 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.” 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and 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. 13They 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.” 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus 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.” 16Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17Jesus 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.’ ” 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. [[1]](#footnote-1)

**Response:**

L: The word of God for the people of God.

         **P: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Who Will Roll Away the Stone?

**\*Response** In Christ Alone

**Easter Prayer**

**Easter Music** Alleluia! --Ferdinand Hummel

 Robyn Frey-Monell

**Offering:**

 -   *Offertory Sentence:**From the abundant ways in which God shows us God's resurrection power, let us share our tithes and offerings in joy and gratitude. Let us receive our morning offering.*

-   *Offertory: “Majesty”*

-   *Doxology UMH #94*

 -   *Offertory Prayer*: As you have poured your healing love into our lives, O God, we now offer these gifts to you. Let them be used in ministries of peace and justice through the work of this church in your world. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection   UMH-303

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** “This Joyful Eastertide”,  - Arr. S.K. Tucker

**Jamie Dyer, Piano Robyn Frey-Monell, Soprano**

**Ashley Venturi, Guitar Karen Joy Smith, Alto**

**Thomas Terrell, Trumpet Owen Lovejoy, Tenor**

**James Petri, Organ Tim Cervenka, Bass**

1. [*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/nrsv?ref=BibleNRSV.Jn20.1&off=62&ctx=16:1%E2%80%938%3b+Lk+24:1%E2%80%9312)%0a~20+%E2%80%A2Early+on+the+fir). (1989). (Jn 20:1–18). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)