



**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday Gathering**

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*"Love Lifted Me"*

BUCC Ensemble

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Show Us How to Love"*

HEARTS OPEN, MINDS AWAKE,  
CHANGE US NOW FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.  
LEAVE US NOT ALONE IN HATRED'S WAKE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

John 20: 1-11

*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.*

**-OPENING DEVOTIONAL-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Show Us How to Love"*

EYES OPENED, SHOCKED AWAKE,  
MUCH TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,  
DRAW US CLOSER IN OUR HEARTACHE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.  
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS,  
OUR SOULS, OUR VISION  
TO THE WAYS OF LOVE CREATED BY GOD,  
EMBODIED IN JESUS,  
AND ALREADY MOVING IN US BY THE SPIRIT.  
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREED!  
ALLELUIA! AMEN!

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY,  
ALLELUIA!  
MORTAL TONGUES AND ANGELS SAY:  
ALLELUIA!  
RAISE YOUR JOYS AND TRIUMPHS HIGH,  
ALLELUIA!  
SING GLAD HEAVENS AND EARTH REPLY:  
ALLELUIA!

LET THE VICTOR'S PEOPLE SING,  
ALLELUIA!  
WHERE, O DEATH, IS NOW YOUR STING?  
ALLELUIA!  
DYING ONCE, CHRIST LIVES TO SAVE,  
ALLELUIA!  
WHERE YOUR VICTORY, O GRAVE?  
ALLELUIA!

LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE,  
ALLELUIA!  
FOUGHT THE FIGHT, THE BATTLE WON,  
ALLELUIA!  
DEATH IN VAIN FORBIDS CHRIST'S RISE,  
ALLELUIA!  
GOD HAS OPENED PARADISE,  
ALLELUIA!

SOAR WE NOW WHERE CHRIST HAS LED,  
ALLELUIA!

FOLLOWING OUR EXALTED HEAD,  
ALLELUIA!  
MADE LIKE CHRIST, LIKE CHRIST WE RISE,  
ALLELUIA!  
OURS THE CROSS, THE GRAVE, THE SKIES,  
ALLELUIA!

**-SCRIPTURE-**

John 20: 11-18

*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.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Resurrection in 2023!"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,  
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,  
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;  
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.  
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY  
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;  
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET  
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

**-COMMUNION-**

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*

Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – arr. P. Keveren*

Brenda Gardiner

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"He Lives"*

I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR  
HE'S IN THE WORLD TODAY.  
I KNOW THAT HE IS LIVING,  
WHATEVER OTHERS SAY.  
I SEE HIS HAND OF MERCY;  
I HEAR HIS VOICE OF CHEER;  
AND JUST THE TIME I NEED HIM  
I FIND HIM NEAR.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.  
HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

IN ALL THE WORLD AROUND ME  
I SEE HIS LOVING CARE,  
AND THOUGH MY HEART GROWS WEARY,  
I KNOW HE IS AWARE;  
I KNOW THAT HE IS LEADING,  
THROUGH ALL THE STORMY BLAST;  
BUT HIS MERCY LEADS US  
AND COMES AT LAST.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.  
HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

REJOICE, REJOICE, O PEOPLE.  
LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND SING  
OUR GRATEFUL HALLELUJAHS

AND LET THE CHORUS RING!  
THE HOPE OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM,  
THE HELP OF ALL WHO FIND,  
WE KNOW HE IS SO LOVING,  
SO GOOD AND KIND.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.  
HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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**-POSTLUDE-**

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