



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, April 26, 2020

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PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell

PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

[Psalm 16: 1-2, 7, 9, 11; I Peter 1:3-4; Acts 2:22, 24, 32]

Listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. In his great mercy, God has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. In all this greatly rejoice, though now, for a little while, you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Keep us safe, our God, for in You we take refuge. You are our Lord; apart from You we have no good thing. We'll keep our eyes always on You, so we will not be shaken. You make known to us the path of life. You fill us with joy in Your presence. Therefore, our hearts are glad and our tongues rejoice. You have raised this Jesus to life and we are Your witnesses. Praise the Lord!

HYMN

Christ is Alive

TUNE: TRURO (*Jesus Shall Reign*)

**¹Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**

**²Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.**

**³In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.**

**⁴Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**⁵Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

PRAYERS for the People and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

Your kingdom come; Your 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Thrive

Voices of Zion, previously recorded

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Locks

THE SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36-49

SONG

Open our Eyes, Lord

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

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Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

SERMON: In their Midst

HYMN

Easter People Raise Your Voices

Tune: REGENT SQUARE (Angels from the Realms of Glory)

**¹Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.**

**²Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Risen Lord empowers us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**³Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When the cares of life o'erwhelm us, Easter people, sing this song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Everlasting triumph song.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

**Jesus told His followers,
"This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things."**

Luke 24:46-48

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