



**Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor David

### **Announcements:**

- **Holy Humor Sunday** – Today we will celebrate God’s humor that was seen when Jesus played a joke on Satan as he rose from the dead.
- **Spiritual Booster Shots** – You may have gotten your COVID shot, but have you gotten your spiritual booster shot? Small groups gather weekly for encouragement and prayer. Find out more online at [www.haverhillumc.org/grow](http://www.haverhillumc.org/grow)
- **Church Council & Trustees** – will meet on Wednesday this week, Trustees @6pm, Council @ 7pm.

### **Passing the Peace**

Let us extend simple signs of peace to one another

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Kelley Houde

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

**People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

**People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.**

Opening Song

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1–2:2

Liturgist:

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make your joy complete.

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify

us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

**2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.<sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Gloria Patri

A Celebration of Humor

John Page, Anne Foldeak

Sermon

God's Holy Joke

Pastor David

Responsive Song

*I Come with Joy*

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I come with joy to meet the Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.  
and strangers now are friends.

### Offering Announcement & Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(baskets will be available for people to put gifts in as they gather, gift can also be given online, or mailed to the church)*

### Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below:  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Leader: A prayer of confession is a way for us to acknowledge and repent of our sins. Through prayers of confession, we come clean to God about our mistakes and our need for God's grace, thus we prepare our hearts to be cleansed by Christ's sacrifice and transformed by the Holy Spirit.

People:

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Give us true hearts of compassion that we might humbly serve you and one another in love that we might be your Easter people in Jesus' name. AMEN.

## Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor will continue with words appropriate to the occasion ending with "And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"*

**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.**

*The pastor will continue with words that highlight the work of Christ and the words he shared with the disciples at the first communion. This section will end with the words:*

"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."

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

*The pastor will pray for God's blessing on those gathered and on the communion, elements ending with:*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

Serving Communion

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.

Closing Hymn

*He Lives*

Hymn# 310

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

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 live? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
The day of his appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Benediction

Postlude