

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church



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Prelude

Overture

G.F. Handel



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise We in Songs of Victory

Adult Choir

Traditional

Prayer of Invitation

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Jesus, remember us when you come
into your kingdom.

Hear our intercessions.

For your church around the world,
we ask new life.

For all who carry our ministries
in your church,

we ask grace and wisdom.

For people who have accepted
spiritual disciplines,

we ask inspired discipleship.

For Christians of every land,

we ask new unity in your name.

For Jews and Muslims and people
of other faiths,

we ask your divine blessing.

For those who cannot believe,
we ask your faithful love.

For governors and rulers in every land,
we ask your guidance.

For people who suffer and sorrow,
we ask your healing peace.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Let us greet each other
in the name of the Risen Christ.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Hymn No. 302

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

WORDS: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

*Christ the Lord is risen today,
Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!*

*Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done,
Alleluia!*

*Fought the fight, the battle won,
Alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids him rise,
Alleluia!*

*Christ has opened paradise,
Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King,
Alleluia!*

*Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!*

*Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia!*

*Made like him, like him we rise,
Alleluia!*

*Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!*

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Children's Handbell Choir

Hymn 140

Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward
as parents are comfortable.

Please note that those who come forward
may be visible on the livestream.

Anthem

Sing Ye in Joy

Adult Choir

Sergei Rachmaninoff

The background features a dark horizontal band across the center, flanked by two overlapping circles. The top circle is light orange, and the bottom circle is light pink. The text is centered within the dark band.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Heritage Ringers

arr. Jason Krug

Offertory Response

Hymn No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!*

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayer of Blessing

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Hymn No. 304

WORDS: William M. James, 1979

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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*Easter 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.*

***Fear of death
can no more stop us
from our pressing
here below.***

*For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to
us is Easter,
with its
resurrection song.*

*When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.*

Congregational Prayer

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.

The 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.*

Anthem

Talkin' 'Bout Jesus

The Band
Gloria Gaynor

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-19

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”
Now none of the disciples dared to ask him,
“Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.
¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to
them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was
now the third time that Jesus appeared to the
disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁴ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 8:37-39

Let us lift our voices and affirm our faith.
*I am sure that nothing can separate us
from God's love—
not life or death, not angels or spirits,
not the present or the future,
and not powers above or powers below.
Nothing in all creation can separate us
from God's love for us
in Christ Jesus our Lord!*

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

TFWS No. 2128

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: B.F. White

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*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:*

*Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,*

*making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:*

*There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.*



Benediction

Choral Response

Hallelujah Chorus

Adult Choir

from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel

All are invited to join together in song when cued

Postlude

March Bourée

G.F. Handel

Go in Peace.

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