

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Hymnsing

Greeting

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

*Processional Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302

Anthem "Classical Easter" Joybells

*Invitation to Worship *by Rev. R. Preston Price*

L: Like a blade of grass pushing up stubbornly through the sidewalk. Or like the butterfly emerging from the tomb-like chrysalis.

P: But much more.

L: Like the seed after years of dormant death sending up sprout or like the brown bulb breaking forth from brown earth into brilliant color.

P: But much more.

L: Like brilliant daybreak after stormy, darkened night or like a rainbow mystically appearing amidst the rain.

P: But much more.

L: Like a patient making an unexpected, unpredicted turn for health or like the pine cone opening to spread seed only after touched by fiery death.

P: But much more.

L: Like a beautiful vase emerging from a lump of clay in the potter's hands or like a hidden spring burbling forth in the middle of a barren desert.

P: But much more.

L: Like the surprise of Spring's buds pushing aside Winter's snow or like someone finally emerging from the fatality of addiction.

P: But much more.

L: So, it comes. Nothing else like it. No image adequate. No simile. No metaphor. Unable to talk about it, but inadequately. We celebrate this great, real mystery that neither language nor imagination can encompass.

P: Easter! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Joy "I Come With Joy" UMH 617
Verses 1, 2 & 4

*We Affirm Our Faith (Unison)

We believe in the beauty of spring

That is known in windy skies, blossoming fruit trees,
Waiving jonquils, and sweet-smelling grass;

We believe in the warmth of a friendship

That is communicated in gentle eyes, a loving smile,
A fond touch of the hand, and an arm laid on the shoulder.

We believe in the power of Christ,

Whose presence is felt in every season of the year.

But especially now,

when life wells up everywhere
and folks feel a quickening in their souls,
because it is spring and summer is on the way

We believe Christ is somehow responsible

for both spring and friendship

And that the excitement we feel today is related

To the fact that he was dead but is alive forevermore,
Not only in our memories

But in the truest kind of actuality

We worship him by coming here,

And say, "Hallelujah! Christ is alive, and in this very place!"

*Song of Praise "Gloria, Gloria" UMH 72

Presentation of Bibles Paige Browning, 3rd Grade

Children's Moments Kathy Bausch

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Chancel Choir

Personal Prayer ~ *a time to speak with, and listen to, the Lord*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*singing*) UMH 896

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors

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 "Come and See" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading John 20:1-9

***Song of Preparation** "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH 322

Sermon "Believing with All Your Heart" Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Mighty God of Resurrection Power: You offer us life that over comes death, light that over comes darkness, hope that over comes our deepest despair! What could we possibly offer in return? Our tithes and gifts, yes; but our minds, hearts, and bodies, as well. May our minds be about understanding who you are and who you long for us to be in this world. May our hearts overflow with your love and compassion for the poor, the oppressed, and the forgotten. May our bodies carry us out of the tombs of isolation to engage our neighbors as sisters and brothers. May the "Alleluias!" we offer leave this place with us to bring hope to everyone we meet! In the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Song During Offering

"Alleluia"

Rachelle Starr

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Holy Communion

Song During Communion "Alleluia, Alleluia" Kathy Bausch

***Hymn of Response** "He Lives" UMH 310

***Sending Forth**

L: As God sent Jesus into the world, so the Spirit now sends us to continue God's holy work.

P: In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go into the world to be the People of God, the body of Christ

***Blessing**

***Song of Belonging** "My Redeemer Lives" Projected

***Music for Going Forth** Michael Snyder