



April 17, 2022

10:00AM

*St. John's United Church of Christ
Orwigsburg, PA
Pastor Jeff Johnson*

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

Meditation

“There is nothing in this world – sin, hate, frustration, pain, sorrow, evil or death itself – that can defeat you if you are in Him, for He is “the resurrection and the life.” And so are you, if you are in Him.”

Norman Vincent Peale

Chimes

Prelude

Because He Lives (Amen)

Matt Maher

Gale Sterner, Percussion

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Trumpet Tune on “This Joyful Eastertide” David Lasky

Trumpet Tune on “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” David Lasky

Andrew Johnson, saxophone

✠ Opening Hymn (#288 vs 1,3,4)

“Christ the Lord is Risen”

Gale Sterner, Percussion

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where O death is now thy sting Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? 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!

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Come, give thanks to our God.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God is our strength and might and salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Because of this love, we shall not die.

This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that our God has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠ Opening Prayer

✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and have not made you the focus of our lives. Forgive us, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

(Silent reflection)

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25; John 20:1-18

Nick Marrongelle

Children's Message and Blessing

Special Music

Lord of the Dance
Christopher Brossman, Solo

arr. Mark Hayes

Message

"Eyewitness News"

Pastor Jeff

Choir Anthem

Christ is Risen! Alleluia

Robert Lau

✠Statement of Faith- Philippians 2: 5-11

Pastor: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

All: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

✠Giving our Gifts to God

✠Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠ Invitation to the Table

✠ Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

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.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God.

In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us. And so we join with all creation to praise you in song:

✠ Sanctus (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(the congregation may be seated)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Gracious God, help us recognize the risen Christ with us as we partake of the bread and the cup. Open our eyes, warm our hearts, send your Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts, for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Thine is the Glory”

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away

Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

Lo! Jesus meets us
Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us
Scatters fear and gloom

Let his church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

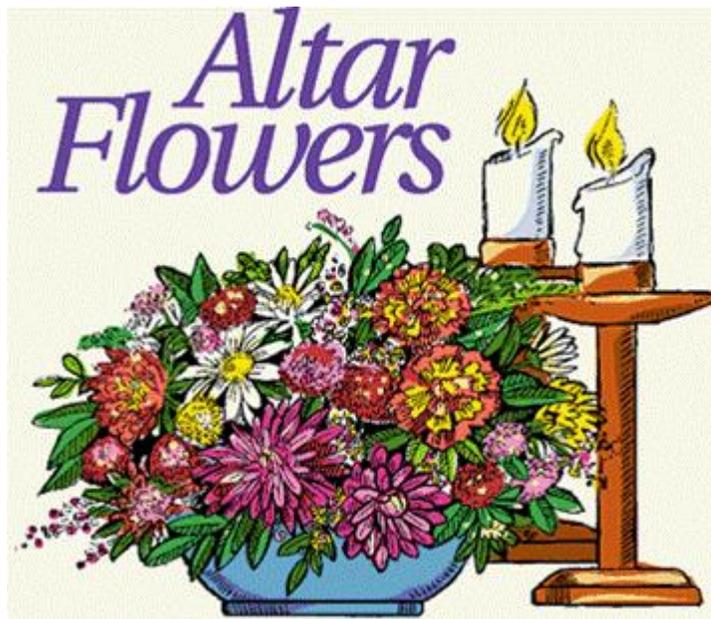
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† Sending Forth and Final Blessing

Postlude

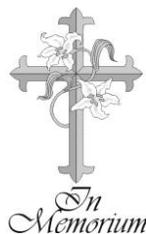
All Glory Laud, and Honor

arr. David Lasky



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of her husband Milton,
Presented by Phyllis Anchorstar*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson



*The Palm Plants decorating the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Squire Skelding,
Presented by Barb Skelding.*

