



April 24, 2022

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

Meditation

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” Augustine, 4th century

Chimes

Prelude

Because He Lives (Amen) - Matt Maher
Gale Sterner, Percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

CCLI Song # 7027887

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.

The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.

Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.

Welcome to worship this glorious day!

Let our lives be testimony to God's redeeming love!

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, we have so much to be grateful for, yet there is much that concerns us. We are often troubled by fears related to money, family, and the future.

It's in these times that we forget that you will never leave us nor forsake us.

Forgive our lack of faith. May we look to you as the source of hope and help for our lives.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness *(read responsively)*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

I Corinthians 15:54-58

Caitlin Brossman

Video

"Easter Story in Their Own Words"

Song

Where is Jesus?

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He is here, He is here
Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He is here! Do not fear

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
On the cross! On the cross!
Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
On the cross! O such loss!

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
In the tomb! In the tomb!
Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
In the tomb! Dread and doom!

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He's not here! He's not here?
Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He's not here! We won't fear

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He's alive! He's Alive!
Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus?
He's alive! He's Alive!

Go tell everyone! Go tell everyone!
He's alive! He's alive
Go tell everyone! Go tell everyone!
He's alive! Jesus is alive!

Children's Skit

"Empty Tomb Newsroom Drama"

✝ Musical Response

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

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✠ 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.

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

✠ Closing Hymn #302

He Lives

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today
I know that He is living
Whatever men 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

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 lives
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

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 lives
He lives within my heart

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

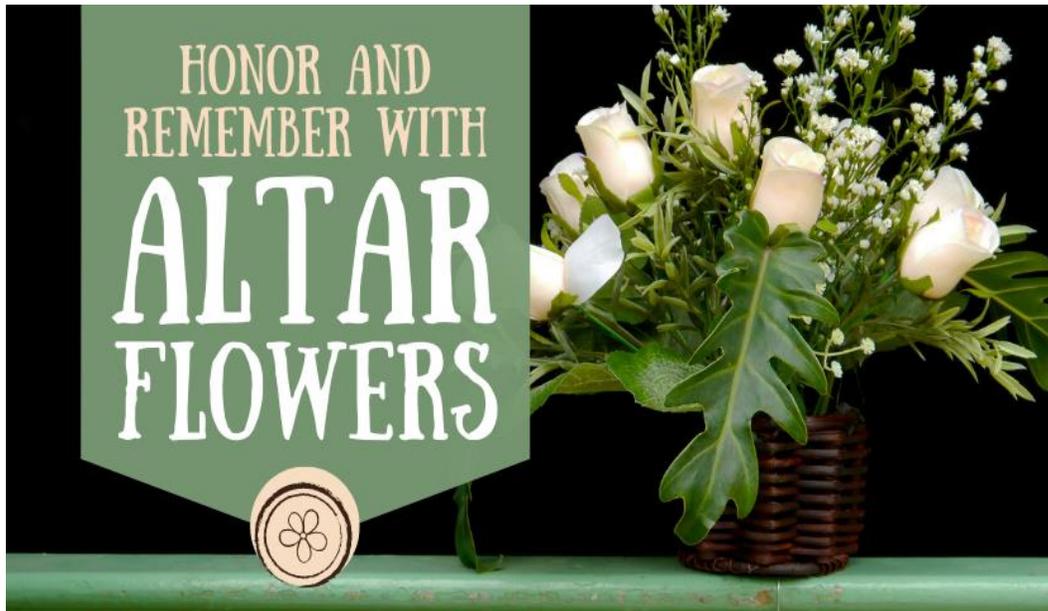
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✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Easter Song - Anne Herring



*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of Harry & Dorothy Moore & Dave
& Gladys Spangler
Presented by Jim & Lori Moore*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

