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Prelude

Jenny Memmott

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

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Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Opening Prayer

Liturgist – BJ Clark

Gracious God, we are filled with anticipation. We want to know you, to see you, and to touch you. Open our hearts that we might experience you anew. Open our spirits so that we will be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. Make us bold to proclaim your liberating love. Amen.

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#302 UMH, vs 1, 2, 3

Children's Moment

Rev. Maria Campbell

Hymn

Easter People, Raise your Voices

#304 UMH, vs 1, 3

Scripture

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Liturgist – BJ Clark

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Maria Campbell

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Yahweh (arr by Lari Goss)

Heritage Double Quartet

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Maria Campbell

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Message

It's Only the Beginning

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#95 UMH

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist – BJ Clark

Gracious God, we rejoice in your gifts of life, creation, and fellowship. Receive these gifts as a token of our thanks and use them for the good of the world. Show us the way to love you and love our neighbors. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Amen.

Communion

Rev. Maria Campbell

Closing Hymn

He Lives

#310 UMH

Blessing

Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Margaret Cinotto

Hymn***Christ the Lord is Risen Today*****#302 UMH, vs 1, 2, 3****Verse 1**

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!

Verse 2

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!

Verse 3

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Hymn***Easter People, Raise your Voices*****#304 UMH, vs 1, 3****Verse 1**

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.

Verse 3

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.

Doxology***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*****#95 UMH**

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

Closing Hymn***He Lives*****#310 UMH****Verse 1**

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) 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) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart!

You asked me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Verse 2

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.

Refrain**Verse 3**

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.

Refrain