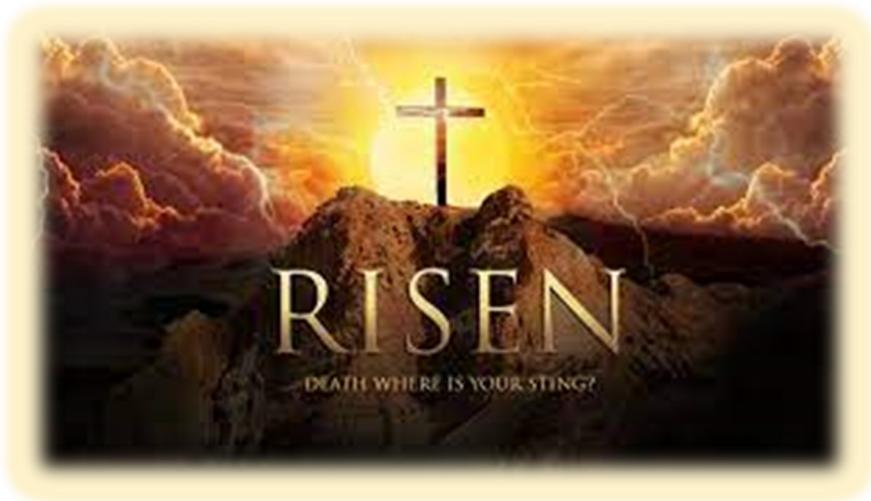


Sunday, April 4, 2021  
Resurrection Sunday  
10:30 AM



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*"Spend Some Time in the Tomb"*

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# Liturgy for Sunday, April 4, 2021

## Resurrection Sunday

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

*And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. Genesis 1: 1-5*

### Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

**Elder Peggy Webster**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Amen.**

Prelude

**Current Prayer Concerns:**

**Berlin Nursing Home:** For all those whom we're unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

**Collection Plate**

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

**Directory Updates:**

*No Updates this week*

**Hearing Assistance**

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

**Food Pantry Needs this Week:**

- \* Fruit Cups
- \* Eggs
- \* Bread
- \* Juice Boxes
- \* Coffee Creamer
- \* Coffee Sweeteners
- \* Pudding Snacks
- \* Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- \* Small Jars of Mayonnaise



## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Wed, April 7	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thursday, April 8	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM (Zoom)
Saturday, April 10	Old Port Cove Condo	9:00 AM

## Birthdays:

Jamie Greenwood (4/5), Hatty Ketterman (4/6), Bob Brenner (4/7)

## Easter Week

See the land, her Easter keeping,  
Rises as her Maker rose.  
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,  
Burst at last from winter snows.  
Earth with heaven above rejoices;  
Fields and gardens hail the spring;  
Shaugh and woodlands ring with voices,  
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted  
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,  
Use the craft by God implanted;  
Use the reason not your own.  
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,  
Each his Easter tribute bring-  
Work of fingers, chant of voices,  
Like the birds who build and sing.

~ Charles Kingsley

## \* Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 217

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and we pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.  
Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

All of us like sheep have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and the guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### \* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## 1st Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 [NRSV]

Elder Marty Cropper

10:34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

10:35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

10:38 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.

10:39 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;

10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

10:41 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.

10:42 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.

10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## 2nd Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-18 [NRSV]

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

## Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen*

YOU KNOW, I THINK WE  
COULD ALL USE A LITTLE  
RESURRECTION RIGHT  
ABOUT NOW.



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HE IS RISEN  
INDEED!  
ALLELUIA!



MARK 16:1-8

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With hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world, especially those places overwhelmed by war and conflict. By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all who live under dictatorship, in the clutches of propagandists, and in ignorance. Bless peacemakers who work to bring justice to their country, city, village, and household. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep. Give us the spiritual tools we need to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in any trouble. Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for ....

With fondness, we remember those who saw our risen Lord and witnessed to his resurrection so that we might have faith. May their words and deeds inspire us to sing our "Alleluia!" again and again. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we pray the word given us by our risen Lord and Savior and we pray, **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.**

\* Hymn "Christ Arose" # 216

Charge  
Benediction  
Postlude

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Time with Children and Youth

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\* Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" # 234

\* Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (responsive)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

By your wisdom, you created the world and everything in it;

by your power, you have delivered us from evil in every age;

by your mercy, you have promised never to forsake us.

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal

Church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Before the rising of the sun on the first day of the week,

Jesus rose from the dead! With the first believers,

we bear witness to this good news of great joy.

Remembering your goodness and grace,

we offer ourselves to you with gratitude

as we share this joyful feast.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus:**

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon this bread and cup.

Make us one in the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we have been buried with Christ by baptism into death,  
raise us up, by the power of your Spirit, to walk in new life.

Let us be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus.

As grains of wheat are gathered from the land

to become the one bread we share,

gather up your church from the ends of the earth

into the glory of your new creation.

**Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying,

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies

united this morning at the empty tomb.

Help us see you, O God, in those we do not expect to encounter

and remove all fear from our hearts.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With gratitude, we give you thanks

for our newly baptized sisters and brothers in every land.

Guide them and keep them,

open their eyes again and again to your blessings.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With humility, we pray for this planet, our home.

Heal what we have scarred and broken;

renew the face of Earth from north to south, from east to west

so that your creation may speak to us of your goodness.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**