

Order of Worship

EASTER

9:30 am – April 17, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Improvisation
Lance Crane, organ

GREETING

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

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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!
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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!
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 thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. 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!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Esther Benedict, liturgist

Christ is risen! **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Don't weep! Don't mourn! There is great Good News! **Christ the Lord is risen today!**
Death has lost its sting. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God's light.
Christ the Lord is risen today.
Rejoice in this day of salvation. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Let the light of God's love flood into your lives. Christ is risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN

Christ is Alive

UMH 318

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- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

3 Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4 In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Awake, Awake

by Craig Courtney

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

Esther Benedict, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

arr. Dan Forrest

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (responsive)

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Will you join me in prayer:

Bring Easter joy to the world, Risen One. Bring Easter beauty and wonder to those in need. Bless these gifts of abundance and expand their reach, that they may bring your mighty love where it is needed most. Create new life and new hope through our giving, and bring the glory of your Easter joy to the world. With grateful hope, we pray. Amen. (Mary Scifres, ©2017)

HYMN

He Lives

UMH 310

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1. 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.

Refrain: 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.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care, and tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast, the day of His appearing will come at last. **Refrain:**

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:**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Widor Toccata”
Lance Crane, organ

-Charles-Marie Widor

Looking for Clarity?

Easter is the perfect time to seek God's vision for your life!



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Thursdays @ 5:30 pm

April 21st - June 9th

"John Wesley" Parlor
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Prayer Request

Scott UMC—Pastor Cavalain Hawkins & Pastor Alma Johnson-Hawkins

Lancaster UMC—Pastor Gregory Pittman