

Order of Worship
EASTER
9:30 am – April 9, 2023

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Larry Shackley

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.Kyle Hanks, organ

GREETING

CHORAL OFFERING

Waitin' for the Mornin'

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson; Director; Kyle Hanks, Pianist

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

Don't weep! Don't mourn! There is great Good News!

Christ the Lord is risen today!

Put away your garments of mourning; let the light of God's love flood into your lives.

Christ the Lord is risen today!

No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God's light.

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!

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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!
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!

BELL OFFERING

When Morning Gilds the Skies

VFUMC Bell Choir; Clara Johnson, director

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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.

HYMN*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

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1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
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.

SCRIPTURE*Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV)*

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

CHORAL OFFERING*Every Knee Shall Bow*

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson; Director; Kyle Hanks, Pianist
Bruce Miller, Narrator

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN*Christ is Alive*

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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.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Hallelujah from Messiah*

” by: G.F. Händel, arr. Théodore Dubois
Kyle Hanks, organ

Prayer Requests

First UMC of Canoga Park—Pastor Elaine Shin-Paul

First UMC of Reseda—Pastor Anna Mulford

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Easter Flower Dedications

- Armine Bartle** In memory of husband Dale
- Dianna Burdick** In memory of mother Elizabeth “Libby” Williams
In memory of aunt Mary Jane Ffolkes
- Bob & Kathy Fierro** In memory of Bob Mack
In honor of Sylvia Mack
In memory of Robert & Rose Fierro
In joyful appreciation of Rory Lewis, Trey Herbst,
Noah Salinas, and Lucas Salinas, our four grandsons
- Deborah Fitzgibbons** In loving memory of husband Harry R. Mole♥
- Betty Harris** In memory of my loving family
- Mayse Lai** For Lai Yam Ngar Chee, Tara Weeks, Shane O’Riordan
- Gloria Lewis** In memory of loved ones
In honor of family and friends
- Sylvia Mack** In memory of parents Waneta and Ken Hobart
In honor of all the loved ones in my family
- Jan Marra** In memory of Alphonse Marra
- Frances Marshall** In memory of Jack
- Kathleen Matarazzo** In loving memory of daughter Mickayla
In honor of my fellow co-workers in the church office and preschool
- Pat & Joyce Modugno** For Pat’s mother Jean
For our daughters, Marika & Krista
For our grandsons, Samuel and Rhett
- Linda & Henning Ottsen** In memory of Hans Ottsen
- William Regnier** In memory of Bill and Irene’s parents
- Nancy Sieh** In loving memory of Frank Sieh
- Karen & Aaron Walsh** In memory of Beverly Lou Miller
In honor of our parents, Debby & John Walsh and Lorelee & John Weaver



Choral Offerings

Waitin' for the Mornin'

Waitin' for the mornin', when the sun is gonna rise.
O when I'm prayin' on my knees, and my heart is gripped with agony,
I'm waiting' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, gonna rise up!
I'm waitin' and though the shadows of pain and death try to shroud my soul with hopelessness,
I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise.
When my joy and strength are almost gone, I'm gonna keep the faith and just hold on,
'Cause I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, gonna rise up!
And when the darkness tries to overcome, it won't last forever and will soon be done,
So I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise.
Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is surely gonna rise.
Mornin' sun gonna rise!

Every Knee Shall Bow

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, ev'ry tongue confess
That the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let ev'ry voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord."

He took the very form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.
He humbled Himself to be obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, ev'ry tongue confess
That the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let ev'ry voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord."

Wherefore God has highly exalted Him and has given Him a name above all names,
That at the name of Jesus ev'ry knee should bow and ev'ry tongue confess that Christ is Lord.

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, ev'ry tongue confess
That the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let ev'ry voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord."

Let ev'ry knee bow; let ev'ry tongue confess Christ is Lord, Lord of all!