

Order of Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON

10:00 am – April 18, 2021

Watching Live?

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

PRELUDE

Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise
Tyler Carlisle, keyboard

arr. Andrew Haryluk

WELCOME

INVOCATION IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. On this Native American Ministries Sunday show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
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UMH 312

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
- 3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
- 4 See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples who met the risen Christ, **we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.**
We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

“Peace be with you.”

“Touch me and see who I am” says Jesus: We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests,
and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there, offering peace, hope, courage, and transformation.

We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus! Come, let us worship!

(adapted from Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, ©2018, UCC.org)

HYMN

Because He Lives

UMH 310

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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.
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.

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.

ANTHEM

The Strife is Over (a hymn reading)

Ginny Dilworth, reader

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24: 36b-48

Allison Kemmerer

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Author of life and Giver of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings in our lives. Receive now these gifts and transform them with the power of your love. May they help us witness to your resurrection, proclaiming your power and forgiveness in our community and throughout the world. Amen.
(adapted from Rev. Dr. Mary Scifres)

HYMN

Christ is Alive

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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.

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.

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

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

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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Tyler Carlisle, keyboard

arr. Linda Hartman

Prayer Requests:

Morro Bay: Estero Bay UMC — Pastor Stephen Meadors

Burbank: Magnolia Park UMC — Pastor Chris Fracchiolla

Linda Ashley, Worth Noyes, Pauline Wells — health concerns

Julian Navarro – recovering from an accident

Shelley Wiltfang — recovering from surgery

Family and friends of Nicholas Mueting (31 year old grandson of Shirley and Tom Bertolino and brother of Nadia Mueting) – passed away suddenly after an allergic reaction; we also pray for the recipients of his organ donations.

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