Announcements

- Sun. Apr. 17thEaster Sunday
Sunday School9:15 a.m.Worship Service "Invite Your Family"10:30 a.m.
"If the Tomb Could Talk" John 20:1-10Covered Dish Fellowship Luncheon after church
NO CHOIR PRACTICE
- Mon. Apr. 18th Church Office Closed for Easter Monday

4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.



Thank you, Michael Cowan, for your service and best wishes on your future endeavors.





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The Worship of God – April 17, 2022 RESURRECTION SUNDAY

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

PreludeMichael Cowan and Melony Rasbury-Cobb Hymns of the Faith

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Responsive Reading......Number 158 The Love of God: Resurrection

Call to Worship......Hymn 159 Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

- Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
- 2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!
- 3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration and InvocationDot Bennett

Hymn of the Resurrection......Hymn 160 Low in the Grave He Lay by Robert Lowry

- Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!
 - Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

- Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*
- 3. Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

Children's Lesson...... An Easter Surprise





Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

As I am sure all of you know, today we are celebrating a very special day. Who can tell me what day it is? That's right! It's Easter! To begin our lesson today, I have a surprise for you. It's called Easter Surprise



Cookies. Pass these around; there are enough for each of you to have one. Don't eat your cookie until everyone has one. (Wait until each one has a cookie, then continue.)

Now that everyone has one, you may eat your cookie. (You may wish to join the children in eating a cookie.) Yum, Yum! That was good, wasn't it? Who can guess why they're called Easter Surprise Cookies? (Let them guess.) That's right! They had a surprise in the middle, didn't they? There was a jelly bean baked into the middle of the cookie for a nice surprise.

The title of today's Bible lesson is "An Easter Surprise." But the Easter Surprise in our lesson isn't about finding something that wasn't expected. It's about NOT finding what was expected. Listen to what happened with "An Easter Surprise."

On the Sunday after Jesus was crucified, Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived, the stone that had covered the tomb had been rolled away, and an angel was sitting on it. The two women were shocked and a bit afraid.

Can you help me with this Easter Surprise story? Every time you hear the name "Jesus," say "He is risen!" Let's practice....Jesus (Kids say, "He is risen!")

"Don't be afraid," the angel said to them. "I know you are looking for Jesus (Kids say, "He is risen!") who was crucified. He is not here, He has risen, just as He said He would. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples."

The two Marys looked in and saw that the tomb was empty and hurried away. They were surprised! They were afraid! But they were filled with joy. As they ran to tell the disciples, they met Jesus. (Kids say, "He is risen!") They ran to him and grabbed him and worshiped him.

Jesus (Kids say, "He is risen!") said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there." Now, that is what I call a real Easter Surprise. They went to see Jesus (Kids say, "He is risen!") in the tomb, but He was not there. He was risen! That is why when we see our friends on Easter we greet them by saying, "He is risen!" and our friends reply, "He is risen indeed!"

Dear God, we thank You for this glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus (Kids say, "He is risen!"). We are not surprised that the tomb was empty. He has risen just as He said He would. In His name we pray. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Scripture ReadingJohn 20:1-10
Prayer of Intercession Dr. Dew (Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)
Responsive ReadingNumber 685 <i>Resurrection</i>
Hymn of Testimony Hymn 533 <i>He Lives</i> by Alfred H. Ackley
1. I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today.

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 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* 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*

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING



An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings. You may also use the enclosed envelope in your weekly packet to mail your tithes and offerings to the church.

Choir Special.....*Come Praise the Lord with Me* By John W. Peterson

Instrumental SelectionMichael Cowan and Melony Rasbury-Cobb Crown Him with Many Crowns by Hal Leonard

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

Hymn of The Lord's Day.....Hymn 360 Easter People, Raise Your Voices by William M. James

> 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

- 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
- Every day to us is Easter With its resurrection song Even when life overwhelms us Easter people sing this song: Alleluia alleluia Everlasting Sunday song.

BenedictionDr. Dew

May the love of God be the passion in your heart. May the joy of God be your strength when times are hard. May the presence of God be a peace that overflows. May the Word of God grow deep in the soil of your Soul. Amen

PostludeMichael Cowan and Melony Rasbury-Cobb A Parting Hymn

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