

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

Hymn: "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today"

Stand if you are able

Jean Okuye

UMH #302

GREETINGS

JoAnn Wells

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @ @9:30am
2. The office will be closed on Monday, April 21st.
3. There will be a special Church Charge Conference on Sunday, May 4th, at 12 noon in the Fireside Room to elect a new Trustee member. Elder Pastor Linda Ford will preside as assigned by D. S. Mary Maaga.
4. Emerson Uyematsu's graveside service will be on Saturday, May 17th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Winton cemetery. A catered lunch will follow at Pioneer Hall.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, today we come celebrating God, who looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. We come celebrating that victory is ours today. We come rejoicing that sin and evil did not get the last word. We praise you and we thank you for being a loving, patient God and for sending us Jesus Christ! Thank you for giving sinners like us a second, third, and endless chances to right our wrongs and follow the Author of Grace. Thank you for giving the Good News of your Son's resurrection to the dutiful Mary Magdalene. You called her name, and she finally believed and proclaimed that she had seen the Risen Lord! Like Mary, time and time again, you have called our name. you have gotten our attention, and we stopped wallowing in despair, sin and self-reliance. We turned, and there you were! Assuring us that God delivered you from death and God will deliver us also from sin and death. Today, we put Mary's proclamation in our hearts and on our lips. May our tears turn into laughter as we hold fast

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"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people."

to the Easter knowledge that in Christ, all things are possible, if we only believe. Amen.

Lords Prayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Our Savior is risen!

People: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Steadfast Love is risen!

People: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that God has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

Hymn:

"Christ Has Risen"

FWS 2115

SCRIPTURE:

John 20:1-18

Special music: "Oh Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn" -Lay Speaker Amanda Bulls

Message: "Oh, Mary Don't you Weep" Lay Speaker Amanda Bulls

Song Dedication #95

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.

Hymn: "Up From The Grave He Arose" UMH #322

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE**

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

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. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God_

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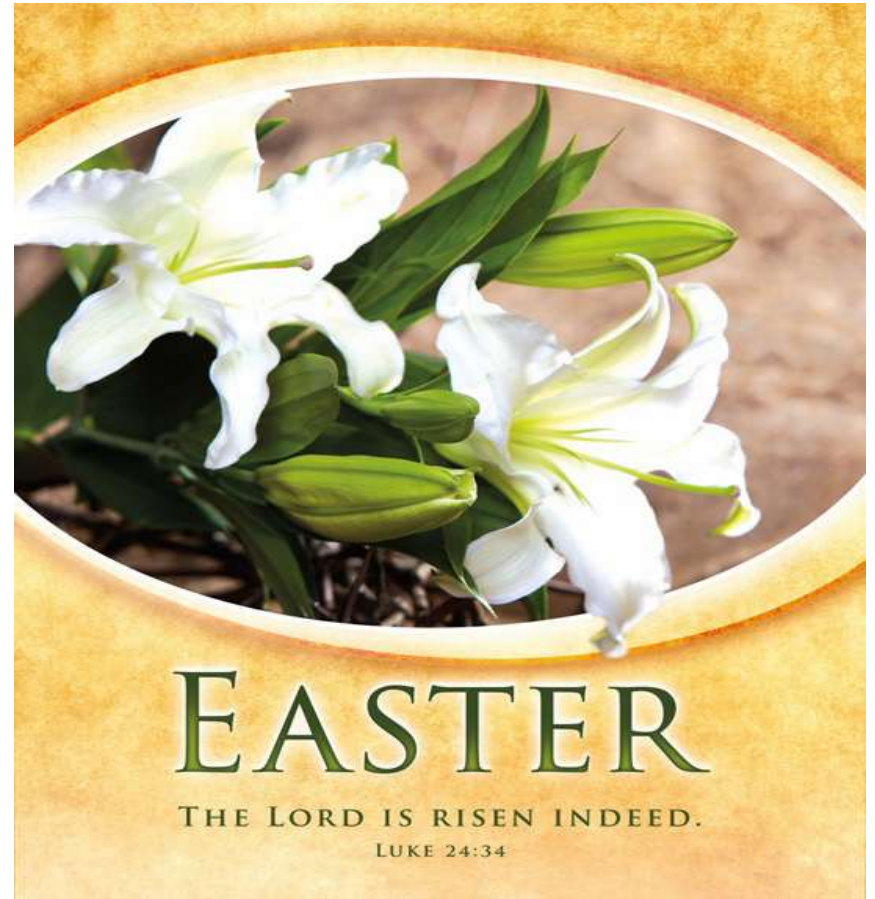
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April 20 , 2025

Easter Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Office Hours M – F 8am-10am