



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 4, 2021

Colburn Park, Lebanon, NH

Welcome and Easter Proclamation

Responsive Prayer for Easter From *Stages on the Way* (Wild Goose Worship, 1999)

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

People: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

People: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

People: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you. Hallowed be your name.

People: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: This morning, in the multi-colored company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, you interest in us; so we pray,

People: Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired; new love, where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Leader: To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God!

People: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Lesson from Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Easter Message

Stephen R. Silver

Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Service of Communion

The Invitation

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst."

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: God is with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion Prayer

All: As we gather here today, send us out for service in your name, strengthened by the example of your Risen Son, and empowered by your Holy Spirit. Together, we praise your holy name and say, "Amen!"

Hymn (p. 4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Benediction

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!



A free-will offering will support Listen Community Services. Please leave your contributions in the basket as you leave worship.



Leading Worship This Morning

The Rev. SangChurl Bae, Lebanon and White River United Methodist Churches

The Rev. Kirsty DePree, West Lebanon Congregational Church

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, First Congregational Church of Lebanon

John Tostenson, Guitar

Welcome!

If this is your first time worshipping with our congregations, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you would like more information about our programs and ministries, you are invited to share your contact information with us today or during the week.

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Sons of men and an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once, he all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! A-men.

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