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Easter 2018

8:00AM

**A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S VICTORY!
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Happy Easter! A warm and joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of Kings on this Resurrection Day!

This morning, as we worship our God, we also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here at Mt. Zion UCC, all are invited to the table of grace.

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Grand Triumphal Chorus

by Guilmont

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Christ has risen.

P: Christ has risen indeed.

L: God is alive . . .

P: new birth is given.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Hope is alive . . .

P: a new age is dawning.

L: Joy is alive . . .

P: redemption is here.

L: Love is alive . . .

P: death cannot harm us.

L: We are alive . . .

P: new life is within us.

L: The church is alive . . .

P: God's Spirit is within us.

ALL: Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 322** (UM Hymnal, see attached)

Up From the Grave

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 245 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3)

The Day of Resurrection

ALL SING: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Trumpets Shall Sound on Easter Morn

by Lantz

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

EASTER MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 240 (black hymnal)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39)

L: What, then, shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

P: No, in all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESURRECTION PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

Alexander, Carter

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Strife is O'er

by Palestrina

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 522 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

I Love to Tell the Story

ALL SING: I love to tell the story of unseen things above. Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song will be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

P: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

L: Thankful is the song we sing!

P: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

L: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

P: For this day awakens in us long awaited new life.

L: This table is for all who wish to know the Risen Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is Risen indeed!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: We should give thanks!

P: Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

L: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love; you are creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in you... We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness, proclaiming with your people from every time and place:

P: Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom!

REMEMBERING THE STORY

L: As we gather at this table we remember a story told mere days ago

P: and yet also so long ago.

L: We remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends in an upper room to share the feast of liberation.

P: And while sharing the ancient story of freedom, he called them to remember the promised freedom of God's kingdom.

L: We remember that at the table he took the bread, gave thanks for it, blessed it, broke it and passed it among them saying:

P: This is my body, broken by and for the world. Whenever you eat it remember me.

L: Then later he took the cup of wine, blessed it and passed it among them saying:

P: This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it remember me, and look toward the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

L: And so we break the bread and pour the cup and we remember with hope.

P: On this Easter Day we share in the Banquet of Freedom to celebrate Life Victorious!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection, will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom. May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go out to share the good news. Christ is Risen! Death is Defeated! Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 233 (black hymnal)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia

by Mozart

If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our 32nd wedding anniversary, by John & Connie Wolfe.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in honor of all the volunteers who serve on the Tech Team at each and every service and event. Thanks for sharing your time and talents with your church family! Happy Easter & Happy Spring from the Bevivino Family!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

As you leave, please remember to pick up your Easter flowers placed in honor and in memory of loved ones, which are located throughout the sanctuary and in the narthex.

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MT. ZION UCC WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK.....

Thank you to our Worship Choir and Brass Ensemble for combining their talents and blessing us with music today.

Worship Choir

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Deborah Butcher	Paula J. Beever Brenda Beyer	David Firestone Mike Gibbs	Tom Bair Braden Bicher
Barb Everhart	Helen Burns	Michael Maletz	Tom Green
Doris Loucks Barb Neff Joann Snyder	Nancy Kinard		Les Loucks

Brass Ensemble

Mike Ferree George DeMers Matt Grimes Jordyn Myers

Thank you to Naylor Wine Cellars Inc., Stewartstown, PA for providing wine for this morning's communion.

The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of Emmalin Marie Flowers, born to Luke & Amanda Flowers. Emmalin was born on March 28th at 7:41 AM. She was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 19.75 inches long. Congratulations to the Flower family!

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Drew & Danika Dallam; Bob & Kathy Ensminger

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

¹from the United Church of Canada

²written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, (he a - rose) with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a -

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

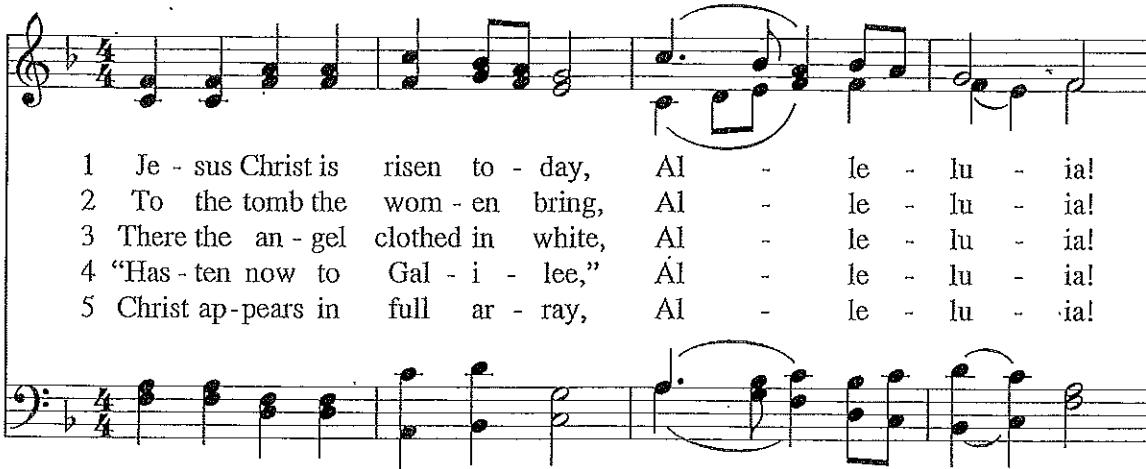
rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
(he a - rose) (he a - rose)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

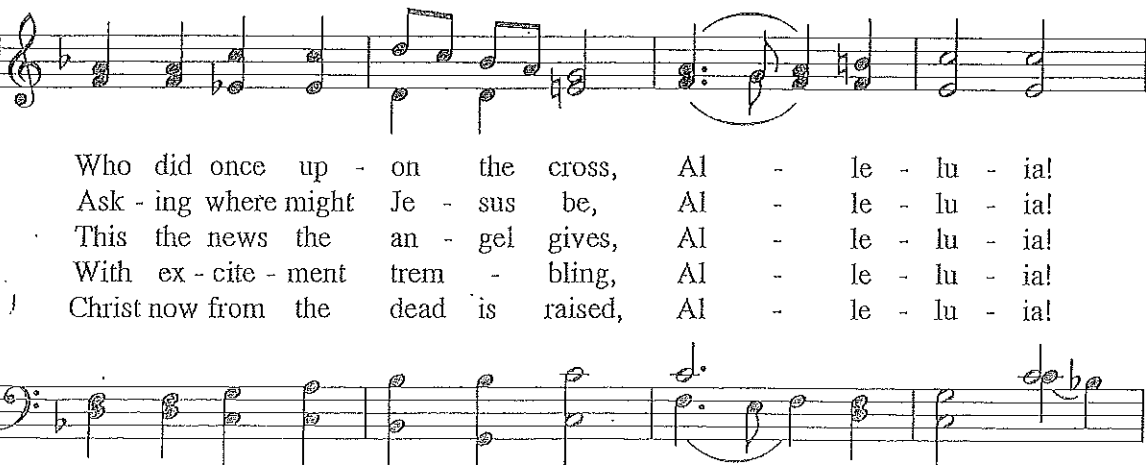
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Robert Williams. 1817

Unison

Suf-fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav-ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
 That the Sov-ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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*Latin, c. 5th century.**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**Luke 24:36-37*

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our
 out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on
 hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
 all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7, with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708