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Easter 2023

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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 worshipping 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. Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. 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.

PRAISE TEAM OPENER WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS RELEASING THE ALLELUIAS!

PRELUDE

Celebration

by Mansfield

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end. We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But this is it:

P: the dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled, and one word describes it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

L: We thought you had said your final word. We thought those with the power had won. We thought that when you cried out, that was it. But this is it:

P: the word breathes; the powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

L: We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended. We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it. But this is it:

P: the story has just begun; the hope is newly born; the tomb is empty, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

L: This is the news:

P: Jesus is risen!

L: This is the moment

P: Jesus is alive!

L: This is the gospel

P: Jesus is with us! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 240** (black hymnal, see p. 7)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 310 (UM Hymnal hymnal, refrain, see p. 8)

He Lives

ALL SING: 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Glorious Morning

by Barrett

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

EASTER MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 322 (UM Hymnal, see p. 9)

Up From the Grave He Arose

RESURRECTION PRAYERS

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

The Lord is Risen This Morning

by Besig

TIME OF GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

The Strife is O'er

by Pott

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 245 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 3, see p. 10)

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray: We give thanks to you, O God, because you are good and your faithful love lasts forever...As inheritors of that salvation promise, we join together:

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS *(all cups contain grape juice)*

During the sharing of the elements, we will be singing various Easter hymns. Words for the songs will be listed on the screens. The hymnal numbers are also listed below if you'd prefer to use a hymnal. We will be singing the first verse of each hymn.

I Come to the Garden Alone, #237 (black hymnal)

Now the Green Blade Rises #238 (black hymnal)

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day #241 (black hymnal)

Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One # 253 (black hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁵

L: Would all for whom it is comfortable, please rise for the prayer of thanksgiving.

P: O Christ, we thank you for inviting us to your table. Grant 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! Alleluia and Amen!

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 233** (black hymnal, see p. 11) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Statement on "Llanfair" by Broughton

¹The Call to Worship was written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/04/easter-call-to-worship-alleluia.html> and accessed on April 3, 2023.
www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3683/worship-connection-easter-sunday-2022, accessed on April 4, 2022.

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

Thank you to our Worship Choir & praise team for blessing us with their gifts today.

Worship Choir

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Deborah Butcher	Brenda Beyer	Dave Firestone	Tom Bair
Lana Fritz	Jen Miller	Michael Maletz	Braden Bicher
Carol Hartman	Paula Strayer		Charlie Hull
Norma Hull			
Barb Neff			

Praise Team

Hayden Dallam	Caitlin Damon	Denny Daugherty
Catie Kiefer		Travis Pinci

8 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Cindy & Rick Hogentogler, John & Connie Wolfe

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Welcome Team and Communion Servers: Barb Stebbins, Jim Beyer, Robin Schriver, Brooke & Jackson Markel, Teal & Oliver Morcos

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Deb Herlocker

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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Piano 

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day.
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en - dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

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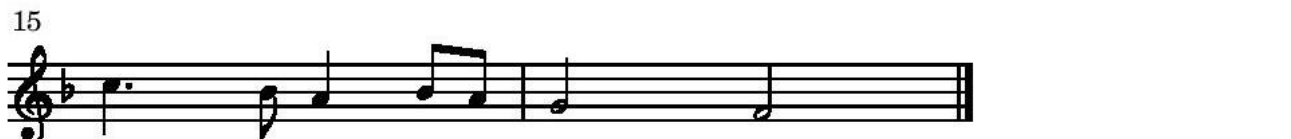
Al - le - lu - ia! Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Al - le - lu - ia! un - to Christ our heav'n-ly King,
Al - le - lu - ia! Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal as His love,

7 

Al - le - lu - ia! Who did once up - on the cross,
Al - le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the Cross and grave,
Al - le - lu - ia! Now a - bove the sky He's King,
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him all ye Heav-en-ly host,

11 

Al - le - lu - ia! Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
Al - le - lu - ia! Sin - ners to re - deem and save,
Al - le - lu - ia! Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

15 

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

He Lives (Refrain)

Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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♩ = 80

Refrain

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The piece is in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to - day! He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar row way. He lives, he lives, sal - vation to im - part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart." The score consists of five lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 5, 8, 12, 16) at the beginning. The first line starts with a piano dynamic marking. The piece ends with a double bar line.

He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to -

5
- day! He walks with me and talks with me a -

8
- long life's nar row way. He lives, he lives, sal -

12
- vation to im - part! You ask me how I know he lives? He

16
lives with-in my heart.

Up From the Grave He Arose

Robert Lowry, 1874

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Piano 

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;

5 

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!

9 

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might - y tri-umph o'er his

12 

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

15 

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

18 

- rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

The Day of Resurrection

Henry T. Smart, 1836

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a -
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a -
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be -

5



- broad; the Pass - o - ver of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of God. From
- right the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res-ur-rectio light; We
- gin, the whole world keeps high triumph, and all that is there - in; Let

10



death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky, our
lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain, for
all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend, for

14



Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1739

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

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!

5



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!

9



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!

13



Sing, ye 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!

NOTES