



April 12, 2020 at 9:30am - Easter Sunday
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ENTRANCE

(bold = in unison)

Prelude	“Now the Green Blade Riseth”	D. Cherwien
	“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” (from: Messiah) Paige Armstrong, soloist	G. F. Handel
	“Trumpet Tune in D Major, Op. 15”	C. S. Lang

The Gospel of Luke 24:1-12 NRSV

Rev. Hope Hutchison

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

He is risen!
He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen today!
Alleluia!

Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

UMH 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Easter Prayer

God of Grace and God of Glory, we rejoice in the glow of your resurrection story. By your Holy Spirit, you heal the sick, mend the broken, and lift up the oppressed. You refuse to let suffering and death have the final word. Grant us wisdom and courage to hear the Good News, to live the Good News, and to share the Good News. Thank you for every Easter moment in our lives. May you feel our praise to you on this day of Easter and hear our hearts as we pray what Jesus the Christ taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

Solo

“Alleluia” (from: “Exultate Jubilate”)
Paige Armstrong, soloist

W. A. Mozart

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet each other with a touch-free sign of peace.

Solo

“He Is Risen”
Paige Armstrong, soloist

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there, in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Easterland"

Rev. Nate Melcher

Our Breakthrough Prayer

**Loving God of all,
renew our hearts and minds.
Reveal your wildest dreams,
break through to each of us.
United us in your vision,
equip us for your work.
Transform us by your song,
create our harmony.
May we embrace your future,
and be your loving church. Amen.**

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings, and Ourselves

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1. Thine be the glory,risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory,risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude ending in the Easter Proclamation

I have seen the Lord!

In the midst of terror and chaos, in the midst of joy and celebration.

I have seen the Lord!

In the midst of war and peace,
in the midst of brokenness and wholeness.

I have seen the Lord!

In the midst of sacrament and sign, in the midst of birth and death.

I have seen the Lord!

In the midst of community and solitude,
in the midst of garden and ghetto.

I have seen the Lord!

In the midst of friends and strangers,
in the midst of darkness and light.

I have seen the Lord!

Christ is risen, and Christ lives, in you and in me.
And we have seen the Lord!

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

...And until we meet again, let us live...
in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude

“Toccata in F” (from: Symphony V)

C. M. Widor



**Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Stay safe, strong, and connected.**

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Liturgy: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher
Tech: TY Moore, Dale Olson

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Community Joys and Concerns

Today and throughout this week you are invited to pray for:

- People in need of a loving church.
- Openness to the “conflux moments” of experiencing God.
- The spiritual journey of our fellow MCCI church, Brooklyn UMC.
- The spiritual journey of students and staff of the The Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service, and Social Justice at Hamline University.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- People in new risky situations because of Covid-19, including domestic abuse, food insecurity, and new waves of racism.
- Our church’s elected leadership and paid and unpaid servants.
- The grieving and the unsure in times of trial.
- Good news of kind hearts and helping hands that turn dreams into reality.
- The people experiencing changing employment, housing, income, and other devastating situations in our current climate.
- The people who suffer waves of trauma and grief in our current world reality.
- Every moment of resurrection we see!
- The children.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marybeth Stull, Maxene Schwanke, James Wegscheid, Olive Saldana, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Jen Pacyga, Inez Gustafson, Bonnie Freese, Pat Robertson, and Bill T., relative of Michele Wegscheid.

Prayers for Comfort:

Jan Hansen, Gunilla Arlinger, Fern Albertson’s Swedish sister, and all those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

The families and friends of Bob Gillespie who died on April 8, Kay Hann who died on March 18, and Patricia Marble who died on March 12. Service arrangements pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Brené Brown study is now online, Saturdays, 10:30am. Sign-up: gailjohnson417@gmail.com.
- Campus is closed on Sundays and Saturdays until further notice.
- God’s Hands is closed until further notice. No donations at this time, thank you.
- The office is closed on Mondays-Fridays at least through April 10 and voicemail has an updated contact message, if you call. You can still reach out to paid staff by email.
- Rev. Nate Melcher is hosting a weekly variety show called “Camp Meetings” on Facebook Live. Experience music, prayer, comedy, and guests at facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch.
- Rev. Hope Hutchison is hosting Bible story videos for families with children. Due to curriculum copyright, these videos are by invite only. Get on the list: hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.
- Garret Johnson has online devotionals for youth. Get on the list: gjohnson@richfieldumc.org.
- If you need pastoral care, please contact Kay Bergeland at kbergeland@richfieldumc.org.
- Your generous giving makes an impact in the life of your church in these unprecedented times. You can give online at richfieldumc.org/give or you can contact Kathy Gertsema, Business and Administration Coordinator, for options at kgertsema@richfieldumc.org.
- Call each other. Email each other. Pray with and for each other. It is time to connect, friends.

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