

**Memorial United Methodist Church At-Home Worship
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**

I'm so glad you're taking this opportunity in these interesting times to participate in Easter worship with us. While we are not gathering in the sanctuary, I trust and believe, we are gathered together with God in spirit and in truth.

—*Pastor Cathy*

We Gather to Worship God

Greeting: Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed!*

Opening Prayer and Call to Worship: *"This Easter Celebration"*

We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the Gospel: John 20:1-18

Sharing the Word in Music: *"In the Garden"*

Message for Today: "Rising Together"

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

We Respond to God

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Please give online at www.gladstonechurch.org

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Our Easter Offering in this unsettled time will go into our general fund, helping to continue our ministry and mission outreach of proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ.

Offering Our Prayers

Please email prayer requests to mumc@gladstonechurch.org or call (906) 428-9311

We Go, Blessed to Serve

The world itself keeps Easter Day,
And Easter larks are singing;
And Easter flowers are blooming,
And Easter buds are springing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord of all things lives anew,
And all His works are living too.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

By John Mason Neale

Music for Going Forth: *"Rise Again"*

Drew Fase

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

When she turned around, she saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that had said these things to her.

Rise Again, by Dallas Holms

Go ahead, drive the nails in My hands
Laugh at Me, where you stand
Go ahead, and say it isn't Me
The day will come, when you will see
'Cause I'll rise, again
Ain't no power on earth can tie Me down
Yes, I'll rise, again
Death can't keep Me in the ground

Go ahead, and mock My name
My love for you is still the same
Go ahead, and bury Me
But very soon, I will be free

'Cause I'll rise, again
Ain't no power on earth can tie Me down
Yes, I'll rise, again
Death can't keep Me in the ground

Go ahead, and say I'm dead and gone
But you will see that you were wrong
Go ahead, try to hide the Son
But all will see that I'm the One
'Cause I'll come again
Ain't no power on earth can keep me back
Yes, I'll come again
Come to take My people back

To Prayerfully Ponder, Discuss, or Do

- What songs, symbols, sounds, or sights witness to Easter Resurrection for me?
- How am I living out the Easter message in new ways this year?
- How might my experience of Easter this year draw me nearer to God and to others?