

Welcome to Worship with Memorial United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, Worship Guide

Pre-recorded worship premieres on-line at 8:30 a.m., www.gladstonechurch.org.

In-person worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary

We Gather to Worship God

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Hymn: “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” UMH 302 vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

Praise Team

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia! Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia! Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Al-le-lu-ia! Everlasting life is this, Al-le-lu-ia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al-le-lu-ia! Thus to sing, and thus to love. Al-le-lu-ia!

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Call to Worship

Praise Team

Let new life burst forth where we thought the land was barren—

Christ is risen!

Let joy bubble up where we thought the well was dry—

Christ is risen!

Let truth shine bright where we thought the darkness was impenetrable—

Christ is risen!

Let love embrace us where we thought we were abandoned and alone—

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

We Share the Story of God

Sharing from the First Letter of Peter 1:3-9

Lorna Benson

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of God’s vast mercy, God has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Common English Bible

Sung Response: “*Because He Lives*” UMH 364 v. 1

Praise Team

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

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Sharing from the Gospel of Luke 24:1-12

Lorna Benson

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Common English Bible

Sung Response: “The Easter Song” W&S 3090

Praise Team

Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing that we can be born again! Hear the bells ringing, they’re singing, “Christ is risen from the dead.” The angel up on the tombstone said, “He is risen just as He said. Quickly now go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!”

Joy to the world, he is risen! Al-le-lu-ia! He’s risen! Al-le-lu-ia! He’s risen! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Message for Today: God Gives Life

Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Musical Reflection: “Rise Again”

Drew Fase

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Offering Our Gifts, Commitments, and Prayers

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We Go, Blessed to Serve

Easter Blessing

Departing Song: “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707

Jim and Jean Strathdee

W&S (Worship & Song), TFWS (The Faith We Sing), UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)