

Jordan Station United Church

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday
11:00am YouTube Service
Rev. Lorraine Davis

THE PEOPLE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP 11:00am

Prelude: What Wondrous Love is This
(arranged by L. Shackley)

TO WORSHIP GOD...

Easter Welcome & Proclamation

One: Christ is risen; Christ is risen in us, for wherever we gather in Christ's name, Christ is there.

All candles are re-lit before the Community responds with:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is Risen Today!

Opening Hymn: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks to the Risen Christ (Voices United #179)

Opening Prayer

One: God of life, thank you for the night: for those who kept watch through its long hours; for the gift of sleep, and the refreshment of dreams for your faithful presence that keeps us company when we are not aware of you;

All: Thank you, God of life!

One: God of life, thank you for this new day; for the song of birds, the early morning bustle of our small community, and the brightening sky; for this day of all days when we celebrate the risen Christ;

All: Thank you, God of life!

One: God of life, thank you for the message of Easter: for the affirmation of your steadfast love; for the presence of the One who overcame death; for the promise of life still to be revealed;

All: Thank you, God of life!

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One: all wisdom, grace, mercy and life comes from you. Eternal God, in the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard; open these scriptures to our minds, own hearts and our lives. Amen

Epistle: Colossians 1:9-29 (New Testament, page 199)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God for the Word.

Reflection: A Reading

One: Christ is risen!

ALL: Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Celebration of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Do not be afraid!

What was sealed is now open;
once bound, now free;
once breathless, now breathing;
once silenced, now laughing;
once broken, now whole;
once dead, now living.
You are invited to the place
of God's promise,
now unfolded,

All: in bread, in wine, in community, we gather this morning.

One: Do not be afraid!

All: Come taste resurrection, share eternity, and be touched by the hand of the risen Christ.

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

One: Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

All: he shared food with followers and friends,

One: with saints and sinners,

All: with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

One: and a few friends in an upper room.

All: On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

One: He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

All: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

All: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

All: In word and action, Jesus lives among us.

One: Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death you create courage and new life. And so, with the risen Christ, who makes all things new by the power of his resurrection, You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share your love. For all your goodness we give you thanks; and together we give you praise.

COMMUNION PRAYERS:

One: When we do not understand

All: we gather by this table

One: When mystery stretches even wider,

All: we break bread.

One: When the wonder is more than our souls can hold,

All: we share the cup.

One: In resurrection, there is no other place to gather, other than where heaven and earth tangle, where your hand twists with laughter in the dawn. Take this bread, risen Saviour, and fill it with the story of empty tombs. Take this wine, living Christ, and let it echo with whisper of resurrection. Take this table, risen Saviour, and let it be the place where grave clothes are folded. Take this community, God of life, and infuse it with a fresh spirit, unsealed, unbound, untied, to dance with the dawn, and cry with the news, that today, this day, broken bread, and shared wine, taste of resurrection. When we do not understand,

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One: When mystery stretches ever wider,

All: we break bread.

One: When the wonder is more than our souls can hold,

All: we share the cup.

One: Holy, holy, holy God, breathing, living, resurrected Saviour, peace-making, truth-giving, world-changing Spirit,

hear us as we break bread together, in the eternal echo of new life.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION is shared.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Amen.

Hymn: Compassion Hymn (CCLI #5468807)

PRAYER & BLESSING

All: Gracious God, this has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Music: Now the Green Blade Rises

(Voices United #186, verses 1,3,4)

Sung Benediction: Halle, Halle, Halle (Voices United #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude: What Wondrous Love is This

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