

NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – April 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture of the Week – Colossians 3:2-3

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD!

Prelude

Welcome

CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

KINGDOM TIME

GREETING & PRAISE HYMN

Responsive Greeting –

Christ is risen!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Death never gets the final word.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in this day of salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH #302 vs. 1,2,3,4

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!

OPENING PRAYERS & PRAISE

Gathering Unison Prayer

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection,
we have come to celebrate the strength of your love—
a love that triumphs even over death.

As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love,
we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ
here in our midst. Amen.

Hymn – “Christ is Alive” UMH #318 vs. 1,2,5

1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2) Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

5) Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Responsive Call to Worship –

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again,

P: for news of your victory over powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

L: Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy.

P: You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lessons –

Colossians 3:1-4 - The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your ^[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Matthew 28:1-10 - The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he ^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, ^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Prayer of Illumination

Message – “Get High with Jesus”

RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn – “Lord, I Lift you Name on High” FWS #2088**

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

Prayers of the People/Invitation for Personal Reflection & Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/ /Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love, and Our Gifts

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings: Mail your offering to:

Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

Doxology – CH #814

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Celebrating Congregation Life – Announcements

GO FORTH TO SERVE

Sending Forth Hymn – “He Lives” UMH #310 vs. 1,2,3

1) I serve a risen Saviour; He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Chorus:

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.

2) In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. Chorus.

3) Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. Chorus.

Benediction/Dismissal