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Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021
9:00 AM

GATHERING

Prelude *Crown Him With Many Crowns with O Worship the King*
arr. Susan Caudill

Welcome

Call to Worship (Bold = Unison)

Glory to you, God: on this day you revealed victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and gave us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Responsive Prayer for Easter

Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.
Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, later filling the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

Vs. 1,3

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you overcame the power of sin and death. Still we confess that we remain captive to doubts about the present and fears of the future, bound by the ways that lead us away from you. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and overwhelmed by calls for justice and peace. We abuse the earth you made as our present home, the abode of children to come.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Special Music

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Chris Tomlin, arr. Joel Raney

Lewis and Beth Ware

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-9

25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

25:7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

25:8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

25:9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Gospel

John 20:1-18

20:1 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 removed from the tomb.

20:2 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."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 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.

20:13 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."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 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."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 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.'"

20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Your Choice To Believe

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

Ascription of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Col. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through his sacrifice. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Eucharist

Offering

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!
Piano/organ duet

arr. Joel Raney

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People (communion by intinction)

Communion Hymn

In the Garden

Anna Richardson Raab and Joe Richardson

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Hymn of Sending

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN OF JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Parting Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Festival on *Thine Is the Glory*

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Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- Prayers of thanks for those who have been able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination
 - Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.
 - Pray for Elizabeth Davis, her father and her family
 - Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.
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Worship Leaders:

Director of Music: Dr. Elizabeth Davis

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