

Hopewell United Methodist Church
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
9:30 and 10:55 AM Amphitheater Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Word of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

People: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen Indeed — and we worship our risen Savior!

*Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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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!

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!

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!

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!
Amen

*Opening Litany (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus up and out of the chains of death, you opened for us the way to eternal and abundant life. And we are grateful! May our "Alleluias" on this day float high above the ceiling of what we think we know — into new life, new wonder, new possibilities. Raise us up! Renew our lives! Resurrect our dreams! Roll away the stones that hinder us! Through Jesus Christ our Living Savior, Amen.

Call for Offering & Prayer

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: This is the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

*Song Response

"O Praise The Name"

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus:

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus x2

Message

"Rock Removal"

Pastor Amy

Song

"Glorious Day"

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing, but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus:

You called my name
Then I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus, when I met You

Chorus

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

Chorus

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

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Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

*Benediction

May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us, who rolls away the stone, bless you with power to
go forth and proclaim the gospel. Amen.

Postlude

"See What a Morning"

*Please stand as you are able.