

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

VOTE: On Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30pm we will vote to leave or to stay in the United Methodist denomination. Please continue praying about that decision. Thank you.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Death has lost its sting.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

***Singing**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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(v. 1, 2, 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!**

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!

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

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.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Amen.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

My Lord, What a Morning

Reading the Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?

6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:

7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

- 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.
- 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Raised from the Dead

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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(v. 1, 3)

**1. Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.**

**3. Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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