

Mt Vernon UMC

April 17, 2022

Resurrection Of The Lord

№ PRELUDE Easter Hallelujah

GREETINGS1

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* MYMN

302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

308 Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

During these hymns, the congregation is invited to restore the chancel stage. Replace one decorative or functional element that is essential to worship or important to you. Don't worry if it doesn't all get put back-God's Holy Spirit provides all that is required for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NT READING - Acts 10:34-43



OPENING PRAYER²

Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to You; creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity.

We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ Your Son.

Even when we turned away from You, You never rejected us.

You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever

¹ Cover art by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com.

² Easter 3A worship elements, http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/

and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, Your Word Incarnate made Flesh.

Born of Mary, He shares our life.

Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.

Leading His followers, He guides us.

Dying on the cross, He rescues us.

Risen from the dead, He gives new life.

Most resilient God, Source of all that is eternally raised up, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus. Amen.

■ PSALM - Psalm 118:14-29 (UMH 839)

With № Response 2.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE

***♪** HYMN

601 Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

CHILDREN'S SERMON

₩ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

- OT READING Isaiah 65:17-25
- GOSPEL John 20:1-18

TESTIMONY

HYMN

364 Because He Lives

CONFESSION & PARDON³

As we come to this table with the risen Jesus, we are witnesses to the resurrection! Let us forsake all that holds us back from this joy as we offer our confession.

Jesus our Host,

we yearn for your Communion we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet you here.

And yet, despite your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way.

Forgive us.

Hear now in silence the confessions of your people.

(Silence)

(Leader to people): Hear the good news!

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name!" In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader): In the name of the risen Christ,

you are forgiven!

(All): Glory to God! Amen.

OFFERING & PEACE

³ Marcia McFee. From *The Abingdon Worship Annual* edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press. Reprinted https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3682/worship-elements-easter-sunday-2022

* DOXOLOGY - #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

HOLY COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING4

We have seen the Lord this day! Now go into the world to spread the good news. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

♦ SENDING FORTH (UMH177)

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (2x)

⁴ Ibid.

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

- · Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
- Learn together of God's love and grace
- Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
- Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).