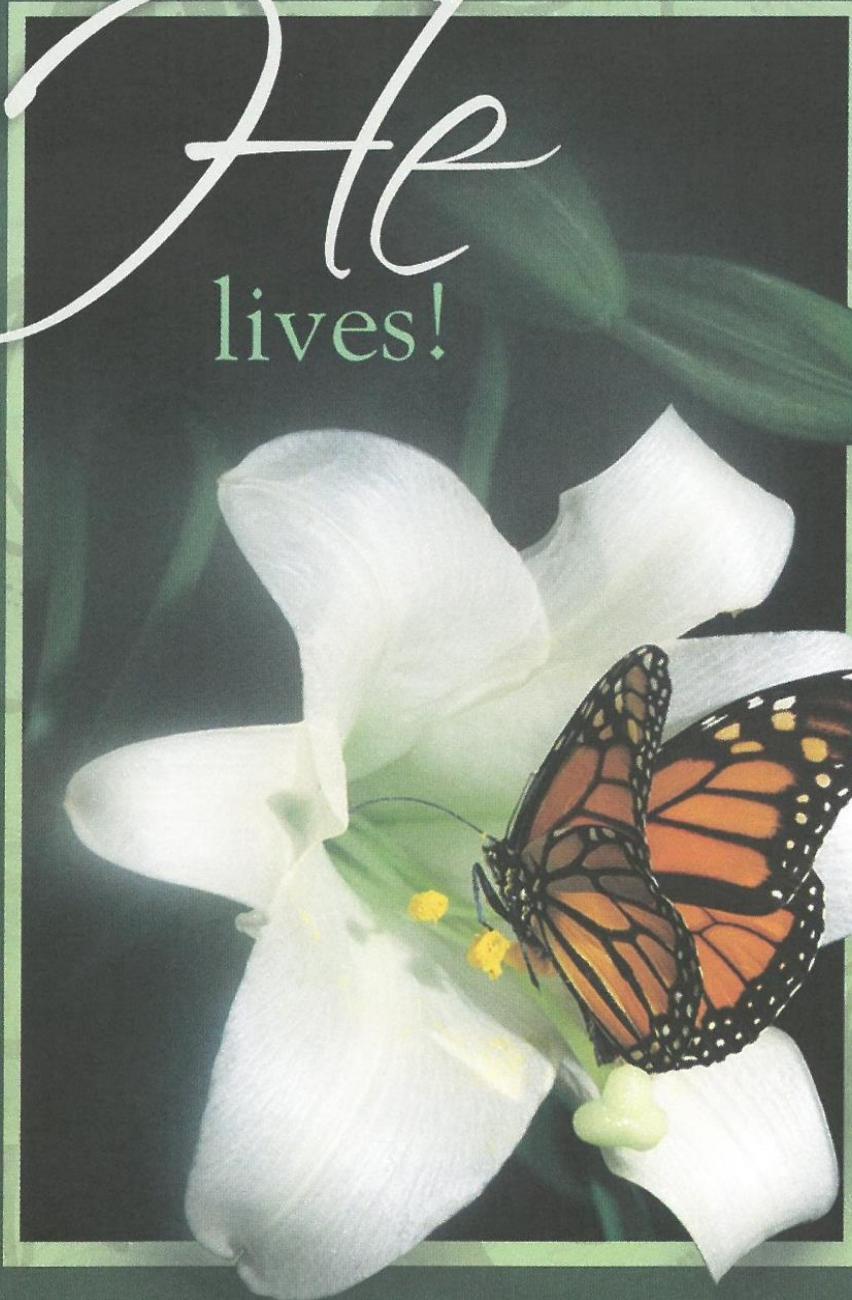


11:15 Easter
FULL TEXT

He
lives!



Welcome to Easter at Epworth! We extend a special welcome to all guests who are worshipping with us this day. For more information about our church, we invite you to visit our website at www.eumcrb.org. Today we celebrate the story that makes us Christians – the witness of gardeners and angels and women and men who found an empty tomb and a stone rolled back. Jesus rose from the grave! What an incredible gift to us – and the linchpin of our faith. How can we also find opportunities to rise from the graves that hold us down?

As we share Holy Communion, all are welcome at the table of the Lord's Supper. The elements we use are wheat bread and unfermented grape juice and we have gluten free elements in the middle right hand station. As we prepare for worship, consider the Easter mystery and promise: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community.

MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

☞ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☞

Gathering Music *The Strife is O'er...* G. P. S. da Palestrina Doug Yetter, organ
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain... Sir Arthur Sullivan
Rejoice, the Lord Is King! ... John Darwall

Welcome **no bags, brief welcome** **Glenn**

*Gospel Lesson *Mark 16:1-8* Miles Slatcher

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Look, there is the place they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Brother and Sisters,

***Call to Worship**

(from Rev. Mindi)

- L: The tomb is dark, but empty
P: **The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**
L: The stone has been rolled away
P: **The one you are looking for has overcome death**
L: The burial clothes are put aside
P: **The one you are looking for is alive!**
L: Christ is Risen!
P: **Christ is Risen Indeed!**
Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***Hymn of Resurrection**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

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!

Prayer of Confession

Glenn

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

- L: God, our Creator, gives us new life;
Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us;
Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.
This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.
P: **On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayer Response

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

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

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

Lesson

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Miles Slatcher

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Chancel Choir & Ensemble

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Sermon

Rise Up!

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ☞

***Singing in Response**

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All Hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Offering Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row. Glenn

Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish.
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!

Offertory Rejoice, He is Alive! ... Jean Anne Shafferman Choir & Ensemble

Don't bring plates up

Doug will direct congregation to stand and join in refrain of anthem as **acclamation**.

Rejoice ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. Vicky

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,

and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

§ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Glenn

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew

to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead

and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,

declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, Vicky
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

§ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, Glenn
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. **§ Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**§ 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.**

Sharing Bread and Cup

Hymns during Communion *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

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
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
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 thronings.

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

UMH 306

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
*Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*
2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! {Refrain}
3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! {Refrain}

☞ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ☛

*Benediction

Vicky

*Sending Forth

The Hallelujah Chorus
George Fredrick Handel

Chancel Choir & Ensemble

Bulletins for the month of April are sponsored in memory of Loved Ones by Linda Miniscalco & Jeanne Drake.

Our Lily and Mortgage Reduction Lists are in the Narthex for those wanting a copy. In an effort to be good stewards, we have printed fewer copies than normal.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

DVD and Broadcast Ministries: All Church Services at Epworth are presented using multimedia technology. The screens above the Chancel area are used for text, videos, photographs and live cameras. Each service is digitally recorded for archive purposes as well as for distribution to our homebound members on DVD. These recordings may also be broadcast or archived on our web page. Therefore; you may, at any time, be seen and recorded on camera - anywhere throughout the Sanctuary.

EASTER ENSEMBLE: Stacey Hartman, flute; Ed Fick, oboe; Cody Leavel, clarinet; Alicia Mickenberg, viola; Linda Jo Hess, piano

Assisting with today's service as

Greeter(s): Marjorie Mounts, Homer Turner
Sound: Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman
Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen
Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:
Ushers: Russ Mullen, Chet Sprague, Harvey Waltersdorf, Jim Larson

Ministers: The Church Family... *Lay Leader:* Gwen Osborne

Senior Pastor: Rev. Vicky Starnes ... *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Glenn Catley

Director of Music Ministries: Doug Yetter ... *Accompanist:* Linda Hess ... *Coordinator of Caring Ministries:* Mickie McManamon

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