



Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022



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Christ is Risen!

The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.

—Kate McGahan

It is not easy to convey a sense of wonder, let alone resurrection wonder, to another. It's the very nature of wonder to catch us off guard, to circumvent expectations and assumptions.

—Eugene H. Peterson

A bridge of silver wings stretches from the dead ashes of an unforgiving nightmare to the jeweled vision of a life started anew.

—Aberjhani

On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.

—Douglas Horton

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the place where his body was lying."

—Matthew 28:5-6 CEV

But because of [God's] great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

—Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

Welcome! & Happy Easter

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Kirke Campbell

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

God is alive; new birth is given.

Hope is alive; a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive; redemption is here.

Love is alive; death cannot harm us.

We are alive; new life is within us.

God of life, we worship you.

God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we celebrate you.

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-10 & Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "Jesus and the Walking Dead"

Pastor Lura

Hymn: *Up from the Grave He Arose*

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Prayer

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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.

Song: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter
& Eric McKirdy

Closing Blessing

Pastor Lura

May the presence of the risen Christ be with you and give you life, hope, and peace, today and always.
Christ has risen! Alleluia!

Postlude



Announcements:

~ We celebrate that we can sing during in-person worship! (Please continue to wear a mask.)

~ The church's 60-year-old outdoor lighting is broken, inefficient, and dim. Help us replace it with safe, modern, energy efficient outdoor lighting. If you would like to contribute, note on your check that it is for "lighting" or give through our website at albanymethodist.org.

~ The Foundation meets on Wednesday, April 20, at noon in the chapel.

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