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Easter Sunday

The Gathering
April 20, 2025 | 9:30 am

Easter

John 20:1-18

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Welcome
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander

***Call To Worship**
One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!

***Song: Praise the King**
There’s a reason why the curse of sin is broken
There’s a reason why the darkness runs from light
There’s a reason why we stand here now forgiven
Jesus is alive

There’s a reason why we are not overtaken
There’s a reason we sing on through the night
There’s a reason why our hope remains eternal
Jesus is alive

Praise the King, He is risen
Praise the King, He’s alive
Praise the King, death’s defeated
Hallelujah, He’s alive
Hallelujah, He’s alive

There’s a reason why our hearts can be courageous
There’s a reason why the dead are made alive
There’s a reason why we share His resurrection
Jesus is alive (oh, He’s alive)

Praise the King, He is risen
Praise the King, He’s alive
Praise the King, death’s defeated
Hallelujah, He’s alive
Hallelujah, He’s alive

Oh, He’s alive

The grave could not ignore it
All of Heaven’s roaring
Hell, where is your victory?
Death where is your sting?

The world could not ignore it
When all the saints are roaring
Hell, where is your victory?
Death where is your sting?

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Hell, where is your victory?
Death where is your sting?

Praise the King, He is risen
Praise the King, He’s alive (yeah)
Praise the King, death’s defeated

Hallelujah, He’s alive
Hallelujah, He’s alive
Hallelujah, He’s alive
Hallelujah, He’s alive

***Song: Because He Lives (Amen)**
I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen One
I believe, I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen, Amen
I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the One that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen
I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the One that never ends

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
Every fear is gone

I know
He holds
My life
My future in His hands

Amen, Amen
I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen
I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives
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Because He lives

Prayers of the People
Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, PhD

Offertory

Offertory Song: “Beautiful Things”

Scripture
Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, PhD

“20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s 1 head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb, 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir,[b] if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said 2 to him in Hebrew,[c] “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.”

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Liturgy

Communion Song: “God Really Loves Us”

Benediction