



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022
Sanctuary & Livestream Worship ~ 10:00am

Our Vision is to Know, to Live and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

PRELUDE

In the Garden

C. A. Miles, adapt. C. H. Webb

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Ahyoung Son, organ

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

Karol Brumit

INTROIT

Run to the Tomb

Chancel Choir

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

This day dawns brightly! **Hope is restored!**

Death and despair do not have the last word!

We open our hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Let us pray:

**Holy One, You whose love endures forever,
you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what.
We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation.
We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light –
encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors,
and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden.
We rejoice and are glad in this day and every day you have made! Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302, vv. 1, 2, 4 & 6

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "Planting Seeds" Pastor Heather
*Children are welcome to join Pastor Heather for a brief message, then remain in the sanctuary for the service.
Coloring pages and activities are available in the narthex. The Nursery is open and staffed by professionals for
children under the age of five.*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:34-43 Brian Brumit

SERMON "Everyday Resurrection" Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707
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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him. Yet we must confess the ways we have continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.

**Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.
We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty and uncertain.**

**Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.
Forgive our doubt of your love.
Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.
Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.
Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wake up, sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
**Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life.
Christ will lead us into righteousness. Thanks be to God!**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94
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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We lift up our 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, 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 your people from captivity, made covenant to be our God, brought us into 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:

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

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

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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, gave thanks, 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 Christ 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, and on these gifts of bread and the cup. 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 God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all people, of all ages, and church affiliations, who love Jesus Christ, and seek forgiveness and peace are welcome to the Lord's Table. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited forward to receive the gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. If you prefer, pre-packaged communion is available. You may kneel for prayer after receiving or return to your seats by the side aisles. If you are worshipping at home, be assured that God's blessing is upon the bread and cup which you bring to the online gathering.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joy in the Morning

Chancel Choir

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Tune: UMH 159, lyrics below

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Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse 1: Come, rise and follow where our Christ had trod,
our King victorious, Jesus, Son of God. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2: Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

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Amen

P. C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

He Lives

A. H. Ackley

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Ahyoung Son, organ



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WELCOME! We joyfully welcome all visitors to our worship service this morning. You are welcome to this community of faith by participating in worship or any activities. Check the website – WestportUMC.org – or contact the church office to receive email updates.

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