

EASTER SUNDAY

Oak Forest, Hickory Stand, Ledford's Chapel UMC | 12 April 2020

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power be to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *

"He is Lord!" x2 #177

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.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Silence for personal confession

I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, and I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Silence is offered to pray for persons sitting closest to you.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Hear the Good News the way St. Paul tells it, "I hand on to you as of first importance what I in turn received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures."

In the name of the crucified and risen Christ, you are forgiven.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

As forgiven and reconciled people, we share signs of Christ's peace with one another. Consider sending a text or email or making a phone call later to share the peace of Christ with someone who comes to mind.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:

"Up From the Grave He Arose" #322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

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]**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it read and proclaimed this day. Grant us, O Jesus, that just as you shed your death clothes, leaving behind the grave forever, may we shed our dead ways of thinking and living caused by ignorance, idolatry, hate, fear and pride. Let us step out this day following You, Jesus, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 65:17-25

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: "EASTER IS ABOUT JESUS"

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. (UMH #881)

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC—STEPHANIE WILSON

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: "HE LIVES" #310

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. **[Refrain]**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **[Refrain]**

WE END THE SERVICE VIEWING THE FLOWERED CROSS IN THE LAWN OF OAK FOREST

BENEDICTION

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