

St. John's United Church of Christ
April 4, 2021 - 8:30 AM
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion

Gathering Words *"This is the Day"*

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace *"The peace of Christ be with you"* *"And also with you"*

Opening Music (Praise Team) *"Shout to the North"* Martin Smith

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Musical Meditation (Praise Team) *"Holy and Anointed One"* John Barnett

Prayer of the Day *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Children's Sermon Lisa Frantz

Special Music (Praise Team) *"Halle Halle Halle"* Hal Hopson

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Musical Meditation (Praise Team) *"My Redeemer Lives"* Reuben Morgan

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Musical Meditation (Praise Team) “Grace Alone” Scott Wesley Brown/Jeff Nelson
Holy Communion Hymnal Companion C-72 (on screen)
UCC Statement of Faith (on screen)

Invitation to Giving

Commission & Benediction *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty and present.

Look for the blessings that await you this week.

Weep with those who weep.

Rejoice with those who celebrate.

Tell the story of hope.

Now may the truth of the empty tomb – the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection – keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God’s endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

Sending Song (Praise Team) “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Rick Founds

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Special Thanks to everyone who made our worship possible this morning.

If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

Happy Easter! There will be no Virtual Fellowship Hour today.

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