



May 3, 2020

PRELUDE

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

arr. A. Fletcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead,

**People: the first fruits of those who have died.**

Leader: The risen Christ has conquered the dominions of death.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

OPENING HYMN #310

*He Lives*

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes 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)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, the Mother of us all,  
Pour out your Holy Spirit  
on our hearts and minds,  
that we may know how to  
reject evil and injustice,  
and receive the peace and power  
of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified that God raised Christ— whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in their own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *The Trumpet Shall Sound* G.F. Handel  
from *Messiah* Ron Berry, soloist

Behold, I tell you a mystery:

We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE Psalm 82:1-4, 8 Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Leader: God presides over the divine council;  
and holds judgment in the midst of the gods.

**People: 'How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?**

Leader: Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**People: Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'**

Leader: Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
for all the nations belong to you!

HYMN OF PRAYER #427

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

***Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.***

***From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.***

***Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,  
till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!***

PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Leader: This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we pray for the world:  
Christ was raised and Christ is appearing.  
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for the poor:

**People: Righteous God, Protector of the weak, Judge of humanity:  
Save the poor with the daily bread of your mercy,  
and the lasting reign of your justice.  
Save the greedy with the correction of your truth,  
and the reform of your judgment.  
Use us to bring the blessings of your will  
on earth as it is in heaven,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

DOXOLOGY #94 (PLEASE STAND)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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! Alleluia!***

GOSPEL LESSON (PLEASE STAND)

John 20:27-28

Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Resurrecting Justice*

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Hail the Days of Resurrection*

Words by Darren Cushman Wood

***When our faith is tried and tested by the evils we endure;  
When our hope is stretched to breaking by the terrors in this world;  
Lift our heads to see your goodness, stronger than the lords of earth.  
Hail the days of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

***Faithful servants gather round us, bearing witness to God's strength;  
Showing us the way of courage, through our days of hopelessness;  
Lead us with the hope of Jesus, Guide and Guardian of the saints.  
Hail the days of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

***Jesus lifts us to the city where God's glory fills the earth  
River flowing, life bestowing, people singing, tears are dried.  
Leaves of healing for the nations, gates of grace are open wide.  
Hail the days of resurrection! Christ has claimed the victory!***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. J. Biery

**This week's worship leaders:**

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

*Pastor of Mission & Outreach*

Heather Hinton

*Organist*

John Hague, Dick Luchtman

& Jeff Linnan

*Audio Visual*

Ron Berry

*Soloist*

Upcoming Worship Service via Livestream:

Sunday, May 10, 11am

Adult Sunday School Class with Dr. Perry Kea

Sundays through May 31; 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell

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Parents of Pre-K Kids Sunday School Class

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell

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Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom

For more information, please contact Cory Unthank

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*We would like your input on procedures for moving back to in-person worship if there is an order from the Governor allowing gatherings of 50 persons or less. Regardless of any new plans, we will continue to offer the live stream worship on Sundays at 11am.*

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