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PRELUDE

He Lives





An Easter Poem

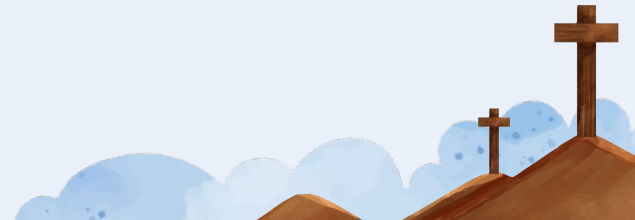
Read by Jahvon

Long ago, in a land far away,

Jesus died and then rose on the third day.

It's a story of love for you and for me,

To teach us to live and to let our hearts be free.



WELCOME



OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this day and all you have in store for us. With all creation, we commemorate the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet-smelling savor. In the mighty and holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.





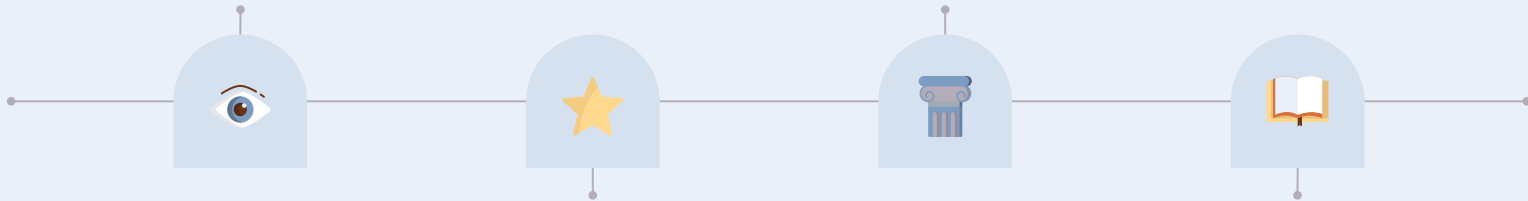
ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 3 at 6:30 pm, there will be a meeting of the session, including newly elected elders.

Session Meeting

Mon – Fri at 6:00 am, via Zoom, you are invited to join the UPC early morning prayer and Bible reading.

Morning Prayer

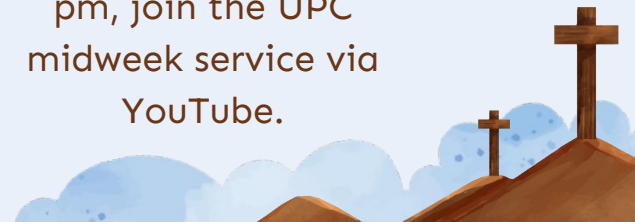


Youth Meeting

On April 13, the UPC youth group will meet at the church from 3:00– 6:00 pm via Zoom or GoToMeeting.

Midweek Service

On Thursdays at 7:30 pm, join the UPC midweek service via YouTube.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us magnify the Lord.

For he is worthy to be praised.

He brings life from death;

Joy from sorrow

and hope out of hopelessness.

Through Him, mourning transitions to laughter.

God is awesome and worthy to be praised.

Praise the Lord!



OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
(GTG) # 245



UNISON READING

John 20:1-8

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. 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. & Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two ran together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

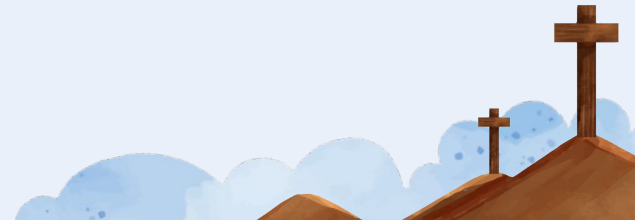




An Easter Poem

Read by Desrick

Easter means new life in flowers and trees,
In the chirp of the birds and the buzz of the bees.
Remember that new starts can happen any day,
Just keep faith in your heart and follow the Way.



UNISON READING

John 20: 10-16

At that time, they had not fully grasped the Scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. So, the disciples returned to their homes, sad and uncertain about the future. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 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. They asked 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." When she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we come boldly before your throne of grace. Thank you for Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Thank you for the opportunities and possibilities that exist because of the Resurrection and its transformative power. Forgive our unbeliefs, and strengthen our faith so we honor and please you in this life as we look forward to the promise of spending eternity in your divine kingdom. In the holy and mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.





An Easter Poem

Read by Jessica

A cocoon, once closed, now open with grace,

Like Jesus's tomb, it's a transformed place.

The butterfly soars with a new tale to say,

About how life changes in wondrous ways.

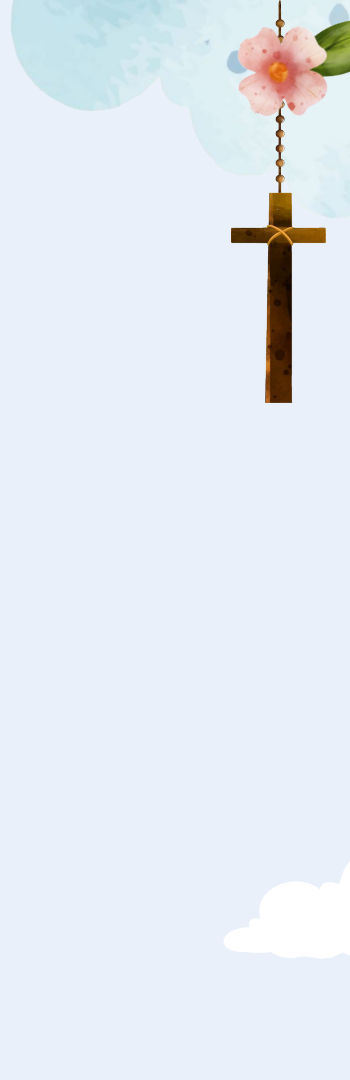


AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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



PASSING THE PEACE



MORNING MEDITATION



The
Transformative
Power of Jesus'
Resurrection





CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



PASTORAL PRAYER





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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine art the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING





An Easter Poem

Read by Wolfgang

The sun beams bright on Resurrection Day,
Telling the world that Jesus is the way
To love, to hope, to be our guide,
With Him by our side, we take joy in life's ride.



CLOSING HYMN

Praise Him

