

# Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

## HAPPY EASTER!

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Peter proclaims forgiveness for ALL in Jesus' name.

**PRELUDE** — Scott Anderson

**READING FROM LUKE 24:1-12** — Suzanne Gallagher

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (verses 1-4)

**1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Let us not look in empty tombs and cemeteries for Jesus.

**Many: He is not there, for he has risen!**

One: Christ is risen!

**Many: And we are risen with him!**

One: Let us celebrate Christ alive in us!

**Many: Christ is risen!**

One: And we are alive in Christ!

**All: Glory to God! Hallelujah!**

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — Rinn Choir

“Rejoice!”

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** — Sharon Goldade

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:34-43** — Suzanne Gallagher

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**MESSAGE**

“All Means All”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**                      UMH #304                      “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

1 Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

**OFFERTORY** — Scott Anderson                      “Quartet” from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

**All: Gracious God, we who gather to worship you demonstrate our love and thanksgiving by offering our gifts to your purpose. We ask that you bless this offering, O God. Bless the givers and receivers of every act of love and kindness that is done in your name. Live in and through these gifts, that they may strengthen your Church, and we may bring renewal of love and life to a world in need. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER** — Lin

**All: 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      UMH # 327                      “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.**

**Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,**

**And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,**

and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

**3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways,  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

**\*BENEDICTION — Lin**

**POSTLUDE — Scott Anderson**

Prelude/Postlude — Scott Anderson

Offertory — Scott

Organ — Ginny Shaw

Special Music — Choir, Scott Anderson

Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.— Anneke Toomey

Song Leader — Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children's Message— Sharon Goldade