

Book of Common Worship)





Announcements

1 Morning Devotions

Monday, May 2, 6:00 am – 6:15 am, – 15-minute early morning devotions resume, via ZOOM.

03 Pastor's Brunch

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, plan on attending the first monthly UPC pastor's brunch.

O2 Midweek Service

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 pm, join the UPC family midweek service via YouTube. The Scots Confession, chapter 19- the authority of Scripture.

04 Workshop

Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Ms. Jessica Dawson will present a workshop for current and future leaders, via ZOOM. The workshop title is Gallup's Clifton Strengths Assessment.







RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (An adapted reading that includes Psalm 150)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

To God be all glory, great things He has done. So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!







OPENING HYMN (GTG) #35

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty







A LITANY FOR EASTER TIME (Borrowed from the Book of Common Worship)

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

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day. **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world. **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

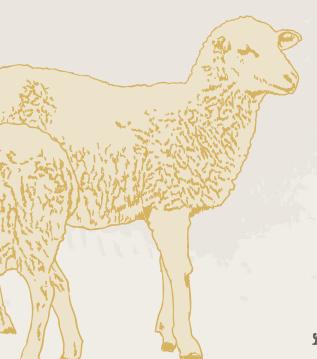
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power and consequences of sin including death. Grant us to daily turn away from sin, and walk with Christ in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND CALL TO CONFESSION (From the Heidelberg Catechism BOC 4.045)





Liturgist

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?



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First, by his resurrection, he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.

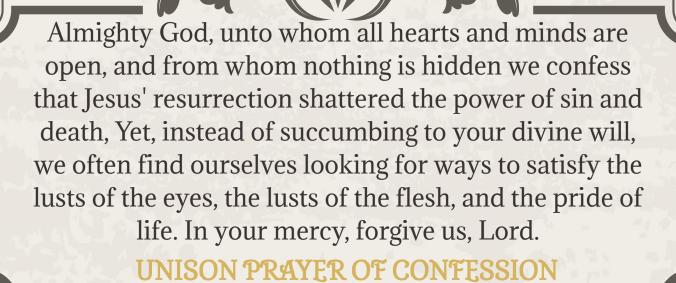


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Second, by His power, we, too are already now resurrected to a new life.

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Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection. This is our faith and hope. Alleluia, amen.





Jesus is the answer to the problems of mankind. Above Him there is no other, Jesus is the way the truth, and the life. It is in and through Christ alone that humankind can be saved. It is in the name of Jesus, that we have forgiveness of sin and the potential for reconciliation with God, our Father. Receive the good news, when we confess our sin and earnestly repent, we are saved in the mighty name and through the blood of Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON









RESPONSIVE READING OF ACTS 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."





A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF John 20: 19-21, 26-31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of persecution. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

His disciples were again in the house a week later, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he 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!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.













Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.







CLOSING HYMN (GTG) # 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling







Now may the God of Peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen. (Hebrews 13: 20-21)







CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (GTG) # 601

Amen





