

Easter 2020 “Emptiness”

Introit – from last Easter’s anthem: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! (Wren/Hopson)

Welcome by Pastor Jeff

“He is Risen……**He is Risen indeed**” [Congregational Response]

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply. Alleluia!

2 Love’s redeeming work is done; Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Lo, the sun’s eclipse is o’er, Alleluia!
Lo, He sheds His blood no more. Alleluia!

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

4 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

The uniqueness of this Easter – Pastor Jeff

Hymn: "Because He Lives"

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
And empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

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Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Hymn: "Christ Arose"

1 Low in the grave He lay--
Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day--
Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch His bed--
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead--
Jesus, my Lord![Chorus]

3 Death cannot keep his prey--
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away--
Jesus, my Lord![Chorus]

Responsive Reading [John 20:1-18]

¹ On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

³ So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

⁴ They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;

⁵ he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

⁶ When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

⁷ and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

⁸ Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

⁹ For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned home.

¹¹ But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb

¹² and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been.

¹³ And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.”

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni,” which means Teacher.

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.

Response: “Gloria Patri”

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen!

[End part 1 of service. Click on Part two for Jeff’s message and the conclusion of our worship]

Easter 2020 Part 2

Message "Emptiness" John 20:1-18 - Pastor Jeff

Response: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Organ Solo by Don Shelley "*God Be With You*"

Prayer

Benediction (singing together)