

EASTER CELEBRATION

Welcome

Call to Worship

Allen Smith, Vocalist

Matthew 28:1-10

Common English Bible

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. ²Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. ³Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. ⁷Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.”

⁸With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

“This Easter Celebration”

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(www.carolynshymns.com/this_easter_celebration.html)

Tune: AURELIA (“The Church’s One Foundation” UMH 545)

“A Hope in Hell”

Pastor Jacob

“Because He Lives”

No. 364, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Preparing for the Love Feast

Remembering the Story

Table Grace (including Lord’s Prayer)

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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.

Sharing at the Table

As we share in this feast, you are invited to share a word of hope and encouragement. You can share with the whole group gathered here today via your phone or device (make sure to unmute yourself) and you can write your hope and encouragement in the chat.

What gives you hope in these uncertain times?

What do you hope for?

What encourages you?

What might encourage others?

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Worldwide Easter Virtual Choir

Sending Forth