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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" *setting* by Molly Ijames

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

All: Christ is risen! We have seen the glory of God.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings and with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing. Why must we continue in fear? Why must we be afraid of death even after its defeat? Yes, this is a glorious day of mirth and song, but forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News. Help us be a people of resurrection not just on this day but all days. Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life that we might turn from sin and be renewed. Eliminate from us the fear of sin that we might tell this glad story - that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed! This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)



Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel:

All: the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave!

Leader: That which has been dead is alive! I announce to you this day that our sins are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to 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, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"Peace in Christ"

Nik Day

Randy Bittner, Baritone

There is peace in Christ when we learn of Him.

Feel the love He felt for us when He bore our sins.

Listen to His words. Let them come alive.

If we know Him as He is, there is peace in Christ.

He gives us hope when hope is gone.

He gives us strength when we can't go on.

He gives us shelter in the storms of life.

When there's no peace on earth, there is peace in Christ

There is peace in Christ when we walk with Him

Through the streets of Galilee to Jerusalem.

Mend the broken hearts. Dry the tear-filled eyes.

When we live the way He lived, there is peace in Christ.

When there's no peace on earth, there is peace in Christ

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection





Pastoral Prayer with 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Offertory **“The Heavens Are Telling”** *from* The Creation F.J. Haydn

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

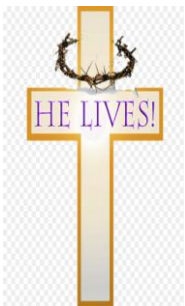
The Affirmation of Faith: *From “A Declaration of Faith”*

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.





Hymn #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

Benediction

Postlude



**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING

**You shall
be called
repairers
of the
breach**

— ISAIAH 58



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