

The liturgical color is gold, symbolizing joy and festivities

PRELUDE

"Lift High the Cross" Setting by Joel Raney
Bonnie Budziak, Piano; Amy Bender Organ

EASTER STORY

John 20:1-18

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real.

Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen today.

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302

WELCOME

Stephanie Lee, Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM

"Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning)" arr. Steven Strite
Chancel Choir

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, "He is not here!"

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

but we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

but we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope. We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

KIN-DOM SIGNS

Easter People

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY

"This Is the Time to Sing"

Mary McDonald

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF CENTERING

"The Strife Is O'er the Battle Done"

UMH 306

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12, p. 748-749

MESSAGE

"Wandering Heart: And I Hope"

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Christ is Alive"

UMH 318

* Congregation invited to stand if able

***FAITH IN ACTION**

***BENEDICTION**

"Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah.

G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on "Easter Hymn"

Thomas Chesterton

Other than the Prayer of Dedication, the prayers used in this service were written by
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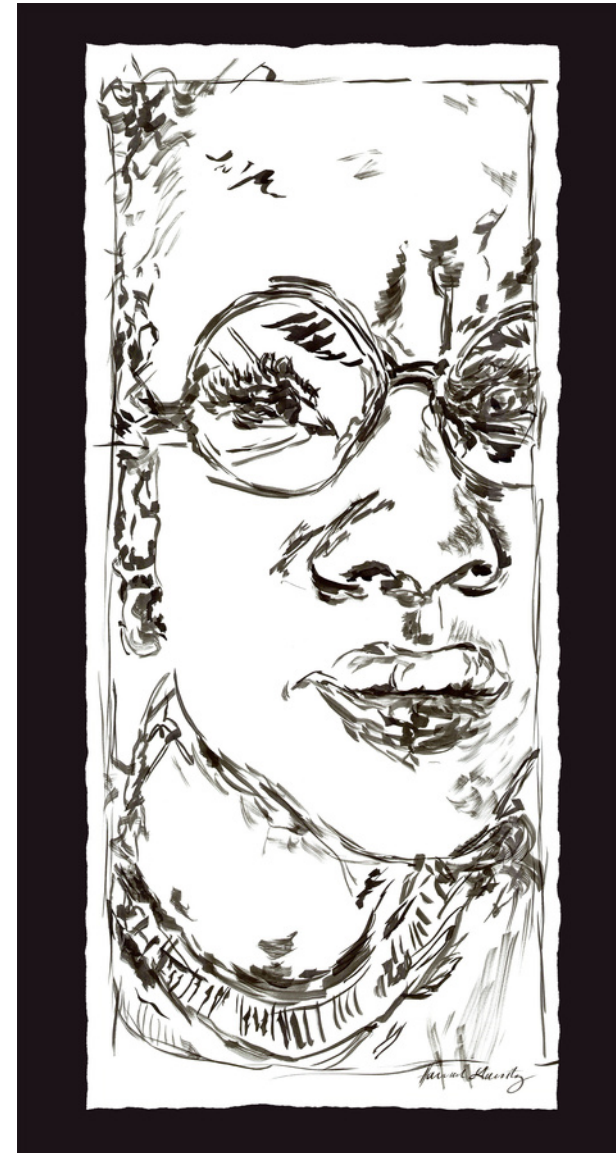
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To the Glory of God

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Where?

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Luke 24:1-12, Ink on paper
excerpt from artist's statement on insert
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Traditional Worship

March 31, 2024

Easter Flower Dedications

Presented by Susan E. Swain
In Memory of Judge Richard A. Swain

Presented by Sara Weaver
In Memory of Harry Weaver,
In Appreciation of Amy Bender & Chancel Choir

Presented by Bill Wolfgang
In Memory of wife, Judy & our parents



Presented by Carol Anderson
In Appreciation of Church Staff

Presented Anonymously
In Appreciation of all who help with Children's Ministries

Presented by Diane & Andy Champa
In Memory of Our Son, Christopher Roy Dinger
In Appreciation of Our grandchildren, Dylan, Parker and Erika

Presented by Patty Cravens
In Memory of John Cravens; McKenzie Montgomery

Presented by Katie Elwell
In Appreciation of Carole & Patsy, Rich, Heather, and Michael

Presented by Mike & Kathy Fellows
In Memory of our parents,
In Appreciation of our children & grandchildren

Presented by Michael & Chris Fournier
In Memory of parents Howard & Ruby Irish;
Roland & Patricia Fournier, and Hugh & Grace Allee
In Appreciation of Grandchildren Samuel & Sadie Markijohn

Presented by Judy Garris
In Memory of family & friends,
To the Glory of God

Presented by Bob & Liz Grusendorf
To the Glory of God

Presented by John & Valerie Hardy
In Memory of John's parents, John & Lillian Hardy,
Valerie's parents, Glenn & Lorraine Shultz,
John's brothers, Richard & David Hardy

Presented by Jane Hieronymus
In Memory of Ted Hieronymus, Paul, Joan, David Hoermann,
T.W. & Harriet Hieronymus

Presented by Kurt Hinkley
In Memory of Linda Hinkley

Presented by Ruthie Hobart
In Memory of Eleanore & Edward Parker, Ethel & Malcolm Hobart, The Wests,
Schuster's, Sharon Schuster, Eric and Sam Shami.
In Appreciation of GOD and Co., Friends and Family Above and to those still
on earth! And the Entire MUM church family, and to Amy Bender and her flock
of angel musicians! And to former students!

Presented by Don & Patricia Humphrey
In Memory of Eleanor & R. Quentin Hinamon,
Florence, David & Edgar Humphrey

Presented by Kenneth Ireland
In Memory of Jane Ireland, Roland & Irene Ireland

Presented by Connie Irvin
In Memory of departed loved ones,
In Appreciation of Our wonderful music department,
Amy Bender, and Kathy Fellows

Presented by Paul & Mary Kramer
In Memory of Robert, Parents, and siblings

Presented by Geri Kranz
In Memory of Dave Kranz, husband, Dad, Poppa,
In Appreciation of my children & grandchildren

Presented by Kay B. Lingafelter
In Memory of Ron Lingafelter, husband, father, grand and great grandfather,
Viola & Forest Bramley and Doris & Wayne Lingafelter

Presented by Paul & Loren Montgomery
In Memory of LCpl Brian Montgomery,
In Appreciation of MAJ Eric Montgomery

Presented by Scott Palmer Family
In Memory of Frank Toki, father and grandfather,
Brandon Toki, nephew

Presented by Wendy Phillis
In Memory of husband, Larry E. Phillis and granddaughter, Sarah Phillis

Presented by Ken & Hilary Pleska
In Memory of Diane Johnson

Presented by Kitty Schirm
In Memory of Jay Schirm, husband, father, and grandfather,
William F. and Anita Romig, parents and grandparents,
Jack & Sheila Schirm, in-laws and grandparents

Presented by Joyce Snyder
In Memory of Charles "Carl" Snyder

Presented by Jan Sudekum
In Memory of husband, Wilfred "Spike" Sudekum and son, David

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