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Worship Celebration

Second Easter of Sunday

April 7, 2024 + 9 AM

“I HAVE
SEEN THE
LORD!”

JOHN 20:18



We Gather as God's Children

Welcome

Prelude

Hallelujah from "Messiah"

George Frideric Handel, arr. Josh Kraybill

+ Call to Worship

In fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.

***When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:***

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?"

Where, O death is your sting?"

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+ Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

Prayers of the People (Seeking & Offering Peace)

Music of Meditation & Reflection - Improvisation

Josh Kraybill

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson—1 Corinthians 15.35-44 (NRSVUE)

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson—John 20.19-31 (NRSVUE)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ 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.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ 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.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon - *What Kind of Body Shall We Have*

Dr. Stephen J. Knisely

Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

Jesus, Be With Us Now

David Haas

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,

your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God,

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,

and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection
of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn	<i>Christ Is Alive</i> (verses 1-3, 5)	UMH 318
Hymn	<i>Christ Is Risen</i>	UMH 307

Prayer following Communion

*With gratitude, O God,
for the promise and gift of a new creation,
we join with your Spirit
in recreating our lives and this world by your love.
Where there is despair, let us work for hope.
Where there is defeat, let us work for renewal.
In the name of the Risen Christ,
make us and your whole world new. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

+ Benediction

Postlude

*Paraphrase sur un Choeur de Judas Macchabée de Händel
op. 90 "Thine Be the Glory"*

Alexandre Guilmant

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!

As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The United Methodist Church of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, in our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Morning Prayer

God of light, I praise you
for the gift of this new day.
By the power of your Spirit
enable me to live in your light
and seek the holy fellowship
of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Be with me, Lord Jesus,
at the evening of the day.
Enter into my heart
and fill it with your peace
so that I may rejoice and rest
In your presence. Amen.

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