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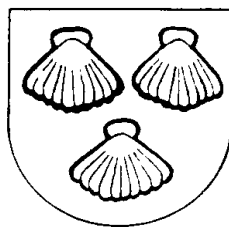
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March 31, 2023
9:30 am
“Look Up”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Gathering Up

Prelude "Four Easter Chorale Preludes" J. S. Bach *Offered by Clarice Snyder*
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We Acknowledge What's Up

Gathering Song "You Raise Me Up"

**When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me**

Leader: When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." (*Mark 16: 1-7*)

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be**

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Confession/Assurance

Jim Quindlen

Leader:

Let us pray together:

**All: Ever-Living God, we come with our heads bent down sometimes,
overwhelmed with Good Friday news.**

**Raise us up, lift up our eyes,
so that we might look up and see
the tenacity of life in the midst of death.**

Meditative Moment

Psalm 118

Jim Quindlen

**Response: In the name of Christ, new life is come!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

Passing the Peace of Christ

Jim Quindlen

Response: As a people forgiven and freed,
we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

***Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

UMH 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen today Alleluia
Earth and heaven in chorus say Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high Alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply Alleluia

2. Love’s redeeming work is done Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won Alleluia
Death in vain forbids him rise Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise Alleluia

3. 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 boasting grave alleluia

4. Soar we now where Christ has led Alleluia
Following our exalted Head Alleluia
Made like him like him we rise Alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies Alleluia

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven Alleluia
Praise to thee by both be given Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now Alleluia
Hail the Resurrection thou Alleluia

6. King of glory soul of bliss Alleluia
Everlasting life is this Alleluia
Thee to know thy power to prove Alleluia
Thus to sing and thus to love Alleluia

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Filling Up

What’s Up? With Children

Austin Morse

The Word Uplifts

Scripture

Acts 10: 34-43

Jim Quindlen

Anthem

“Cornerstone” (Shawn Kirchner)

Praise Team

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Message

“Look Up”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Building Up

Response: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 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

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Offering Prayer

Blessing for the Journey

***Closing Hymn**

"Because He Lives"

UMH 364

Clarice Snyder, organ, Jane Ohlmacher, piano

1. God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Refrain

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

2. 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

Refrain

3. And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know
He reigns

Refrain

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

And so now go into the world,
remembering that whenever you feel down, you can look up.
Look up and notice that life can't help itself... it continues renewal all around you.
In spite of what you are feeling at any one time in your life,
know that you are loved, that your life matters,
that your life can be uplifted and you can uplift those around you.
You have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, “What are you up to?”
you can respond,
“With God’s help, I’m up to something good!”

Let the people say, Amen!
Amen!

Music for Movin’ On Up

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah (see screen)
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Questions for Reflection

Paul’s claim about Christ Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15 is a creed: Christ died, was buried, was raised, and appeared to many disciples and finally to Paul, who writes, “by the grace of God I am what I am” (v. 10). If you were to say those words of yourself, what would it mean that everything about you—all you are and have done—is “by the grace of God”? Where is God’s grace evident in your life today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Heavenly God, our Father,
I am full of thanks for a night of rest
and for this new day and all that now awaits me.
I go forward toward encounters with family and friends,
work and play,
and all that will bring me into contact with strangers,
certain that you are with me.
Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life.
Help me to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy God, our Mother,
you are my comfort at the end as at the beginning of each day.
You pull me toward the goodness you desire for me.
I give you thanks for all that has come my way this day,
and I ask your enveloping power to watch over me this night.
Give rest to all your people.
Wherever there is pain and struggle,
may your holy angels bring peace; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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