

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 24, 2022

**GATHERING HYMN** *Low in the Grave He Lay*

UMH #322

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

Refrain:

**Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Do not be confused! Society tells us that there are many ways that will lead us to God.

**P: We have been tempted to try those other paths.**

L: Do not be tempted! There is only one path that can truly lead us to our Creator.

**P: Lord, help us to resist the temptation to seek other paths.**

L: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**HYMN** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

UMH #90

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God, come to us now in visions and dreams, that our eyes may see more than we see, and our hearts may love, more than we love. Bring Your kingdom here on earth, that all may know Your glory and find the courage to face each day. We ask this in the name of the One who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have sinned, Lord. We fall short of Your glory every day. Yet, when we fall, You pick us up- not that we might praise ourselves but give all the praise and glory to You. By the power of Your grace, and not by the greatness of our gifts, we are saved. And now, by Your grace, we ask You to glorify us with Your presence. Amen.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken in unison)

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

## **OFFERING & DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

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.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **HYMN** *Tis So Sweet, to Trust in Jesus*

UMH #462

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:13-23

<sup>13</sup>“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. <sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will know them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’”

L: The Word of the Lord!    P: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

“Don’t Take the Wrong Road”

Donna Hackley

## HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

UMH #514

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;  
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

## BENEDICTION

L: Believe where you have not yet seen.

**P: Our hearts will lead us to the Lord.**

L: Trust where you have reason to doubt.

**P: Our souls will lead us to Your home.**

L: Hope where you have cause for despair.

**P: Our lives will know joy and peace when we start on our path with God’s blessings. Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Celtic Alleluia*

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**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Now he is living the Christ, out of the tomb he has risen.  
He has conquered death, open heaven to all believers.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**