



**Early Worship Service  
– Easter Sunday –  
April 17, 2022 at 8:45am**



Prelude

Song of Proclamation: ***Christ Arose!***

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen!

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

The light of the sun breaks forth across the sky, and a new day has dawned.

***The Son of God has broken forth from the tomb.***

Christ has emerged from the depths of the grave, and the world resounds with joy.

***The hush of death is overcome by the sounds of God's people resounding with songs of praise.***

Now every morning will dawn with hope and promise, because Christ is alive.

***Every morning will be filled with blessing and salvation! Alleluia! He is Risen!***

Songs of Exultation:

***Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed; King of Kings; In Christ Alone***

Time of 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 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.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 16: 1-8

Mark 16:1–8 (NIV): 16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.

They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Meditation: *He's Alive* (Don Francisco)

Mike Cox, Mike Jordan, Paul Shea, Debbie Young, Paul Young

Children's Sermon: Easter Egg

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

Matthew 28:1–10 (NIV): 28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid.

Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Sermon: **When the Earth Shakes**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Christ the Lord is Risen Today!***

Benediction

Acolyte: Grace Blasdell

Scripture Readers: Pastor Jon Cole and Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Kristen Sanasith, Betsy Webb; vocals;

Jack Smith, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** On this highest of holy days, the church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. This is a day of victory and a day of hope. May our worship today reflect faith in our God who conquers sin and death.

**NURSERY IS AVAILABLE TODAY** for ages infant through 2 years. There is no Children's Church today so HWC Kids can celebrate Easter with their families.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes leads us to think about the Risen Christ's interaction with his disciples in John 21:1-6. Join us for worship at 8:45 (indoor) and 11:00 (indoor/streaming).

**TUESDAY MORNING YOUTH BREAKFAST RESUMES** 7am, the Community Room. Prayer, praise, pancakes.

**WEDNESDAY KIDS' CLUB FUN 6:30 P.M.** for first through 6th graders.

**CLEAN-UP DAY NEXT SATURDAY!** Help beautify our church facility by participating in our annual Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m. - noon. Our attention will focus on the exterior of the building and landscaping of the church grounds so bring gardening tools, such as shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows. Children are welcome.

**30 HOUR FAMINE MAY 6-7**—For 30 hours we'll fast to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world. Every 15 seconds a child under 5 dies and nearly half of those deaths are from hunger-related causes. How you can help:

- ⇒ **Give.** Visit our fundraising page or text GIVE30HF to 56170.
- ⇒ **Volunteer.** We need your help to make our Famine weekend a success. Assist with one of our fundraising events or join us.
  - ⇒ Food Pantry Collection Friday evening, 5:30 to dark
  - ⇒ Car Wash Saturday, 1-4 PM
- ⇒ **Pray.** Ask for God's grace over our event and our fundraising and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change the lives of kids who are hungry.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Barbara and Joel Trudell are temporarily out of South Africa on visa renewal but also are attending a large international education conference where they pray for key partner contacts with governments and other NGOs for SIL Africa to serve African children and their families. Thank you for praying for all our missionaries during this Easter Season.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – A witnessing church! Yes, Christian are a minority in many places where Muslims are observing the recently begun Ramadan month of fasting. Sometimes believers are a suppressed or persecuted minority. But now is an ideal time for Christian friendship and witness when attention is on reaching out to God. We pray.

**STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed:** \$722,296.80/ **Budget Received:** \$686,068.74

**Prayer Concerns:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Ann Irving (Ann McNeill's mother), Jennifer Brown, Walter Schilke (Stephan's father), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees throughout the world, for protection, wisdom and peace for the people and leaders of Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who had been detained by the police since December 26 and has now been released to house arrest; for all of the churches in Allegany County.

Children's Sermon *Easter Egg*: <https://youtu.be/r-iYI69e4uo>  
(available April 17 at 8:00 a.m.)



## Easter flowers are placed on the altar by

- ❖ The Allen Family ~ *In Loving Memory of Dr. William Allen*
- ❖ Willis & Beth Beardsley ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- ❖ The Boon Family ~ *In Loving Memory of Ken*
- ❖ Jerry Brown and the Oden Family ~ *In Loving Memory of Alyce*
- ❖ Arne & Nancy Dahl ~ *In Loving Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Arne Dahl, Frank, Solveig, Ruth May, and Mildred and In Loving Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Homer Fero and Dick*
- ❖ Katelyn Drum ~ *In Loving Memory of My Mother Amy Rose*
- ❖ Judy Hopkins ~ *In memory of Ted Hopkins from his loving family*
- ❖ Sharon Johnson ~ *In Memory of My Parents, John and Margarette Johnson; my Grandparents, Paul and Fannie Melton & Berry Martin and Louvina Johnson; my student, Stephen H. Leslie.*
- ❖ Paul & Shirley Mullen Mills  
*In Grateful Memory of the Lives of James & Lillian Mae Mills*  
*In Grateful Memory of the Life of Bonnie Boggs Mills*  
*In Grateful Memory of the Life of Stephen Mills*  
*In Honor of Laurence and Vesta Mullen*
- ❖ Larry & Vesta Mullen ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents Rev. & Mrs. F. A. Dunlop and Rev. & Mrs. H.C. Mullen*
- ❖ Robin Pawling ~ *In Loving Memory of My Parents Shirley & Jean Pawling, Aunt Geraldine Alderman, & Aunt Deborah Alderman Wilson*
- ❖ Dick & Betty Jane Pocock ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents Betty & Early Goodwin and Edith & Charles Pocock*
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- ❖ Paul & Debbie Shea ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents and of Eila Shea*
- ❖ Phil & Donnie Stockin ~ *In Loving Memory of Donnie's brother, Howard Russell Berry, Jr.*
- ❖ Bill & Jayne Swanson ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- ❖ Grace Taylor ~ *In Loving Memory of My Husband Ed and Son Robert*
- ❖ Ed & Tracy Taylor ~ *In Loving Memory of Tracy's Dad and her Brother Brett*
- ❖ Paul & Debbie Young  
*In Loving Memory of Allan & Isobel Young & David Young*  
*In Loving Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Homer Fero & Dick Fero*

## Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today  
Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say  
Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high  
Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply  
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done  
Alleluia!  
Fought the fight the battle won  
Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise  
Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise  
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King  
Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save  
Alleluia!  
Where they victory, O grave?  
Alleluia!

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!

### Christ Arose

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

#### *Chorus*

**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!

#### *Chorus*

Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!

#### *Chorus*

### Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands their Friend and King  
Christ, Christ He is risen

**Christ is risen, He is risen indeed  
Oh sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus  
sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen He is risen indeed**

Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth  
and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting

#### *Chorus*

The power that raised Him  
from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness

#### *Chorus*

He's alive! He's alive!  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive! He's alive!  
Now in heaven glorified

(Repeat)

### King of Kings

#### **Verse 1**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
to a cradle in the dirt

#### *Chorus*

**Praise the Father; Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

#### **Verse 2**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus, for our sake You died

#### *Chorus*

#### **Verse 3**

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

#### **Verse 4**

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ,  
Who has resurrected me

#### *Chorus*

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm  
What heights of love  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world  
by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth  
in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious  
blood of Christ

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
(Repeat)**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell  
no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power  
of Christ I'll stand