



# EASTER SUNDAY

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## **The United Methodist Church of Chugiak**

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Online Worship Service

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April 12, 2020

### **Prelude**

### **Introduction and Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn**

UMH #302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

## **Opening Prayer**

**Many: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

*During this time the pastor will invite you to share your prayers, both in celebration and in concern, in the comments section of the Facebook Live Broadcast. Over the course of the next few minutes we will work to name these prayers of our communal Body of Christ. As prayers are lifted, please respond with the words, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**"*

## **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.**

## **Song of Reflection**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

### **Response**

**Many: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Many: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

### **Children's Moment**

*"The Empty Tomb"*

ShareFaith Video

**Sermon** "The Dance of the Merrymakers" Pastor David Hall

**Offertory Hymn** "In Christ Alone" Solo: Sara Warren

*If you wish, please visit our online offering system, found at:  
<http://umcchugiak.org/giving/>*

**Presentation of Offering** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Communion\*\***

**<<Please have a cup of juice and a piece of bread with you for the celebration of the sacrament of communion.>>**

One: Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Many: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Many: Glory to God. Amen.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

One: 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.

**<<Hold up your piece of bread>>**

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."

**<<Set bread back in front of you>>**

**<<Hold up your cup>>**

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."

**<<Set cup back in front of you.>>**

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.

**Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: 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 Father, now and forever.  
Amen.

**<<Please hold the cup and body before you, and prepare your hearts to receive these elements of Christ's love.>>**

One: This is the body of Christ broken for you.

**<<Take and eat the bread.>>**

One: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

**<<Take and drink the cup.>>**

**Closing Hymn**

**"Man of Sorrows"**

**Blessing**

One: Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us. May the God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with Him in glory.

**Many: Amen.**

**Postlude**

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho-rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev-er-last-ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri-um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic-tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res-ur-rec-tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

# **In Christ Alone**

*Stuart Townend*

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  
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.