

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with .

Entering Worship

Choir: *Were You There* (arr. Richard Proulx)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Voices Together 325

Vs 1 O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Vs 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place.
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

Vs 3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Vs 4 Be near when I am dying, oh, show thy cross to me,
and for my rescue, flying, come, Lord, and set me free!
These eyes, new faith receiving, from Jesus shall not move,
for one who dies believing dies safely, through thy love.

Silent Reflection

Choir: *He Is Alive* (Jay Althouse)

Welcome

Call to Worship

VT 885

Leader: The darkness is banished.

People: The brightness of God's love floods in on us.

Leader: Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Christ is alive forevermore!

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah! Amen.

Instrumental: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (arr. Lani Smith)

♪ *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

VT 346

- Vs 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!
All creation join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'n, and earth reply: Alleluia!
- Vs 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!
- Vs 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- Vs 4 Soar we now where Jesus led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Christ, with Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Invocation

♪ Call for Children: *Let the Children Come to Me*

VT 512

Let the children come to me; let the children come.
Never hinder them; never stop them.
Oh, let the children come.
Oh, let the children come, let them come.

Children's Time

♪ *Jesus Loves Me*

VT 516

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

John 20:1-7

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

♪ *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VT 315

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Vs 1 Thou art the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name cometh, the King and blessed One.

Vs 2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

Vs 3 Thou didst accept their praises, accept our hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Scripture

John 20:8-13

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

♪ This Joyful Eastertide

VT 352

Vs 1 This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Vs 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trumpets east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Vs 3 Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Scripture

John 20:14-18

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

♪ **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

VT 364

Vs 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Vs 2 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Vs 3 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Choir: Alleluia (Randall Thompson)

Meditation

Choir: Prepare Ye (the Way of the Lord) (Steven Schwartz; arr. Emily Martin)

Oh Mary, Don't You Weep (arr. Greg Gilpin and Emily Martin)

♪ **Lift Your Glad Voices**

VT 340

Vs 1 Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus has risen and we shall not die.
Vain were the terrors that gathered around him,
And short the dominion of death and the grave.

He burst from the fetters of evil that bound him,
Resplendent in glory, to live and to save.
Loud was the chorus of angels on high,
The Savior has risen, and we shall not die.

Vs 2 Glory to God, in full anthems of joy;
The being God gave us, death cannot destroy.
Sad were the life we may part with tomorrow,
If tears were our birthright and death were our end.

But Jesus has cheered the deep valley of sorrow,
And bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend.
Lift then your voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus has risen, and we shall not die.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Prayer & Benediction

Sending

VT 1052

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Go be peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Prepare the way.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is risen. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Choir: *Angels Roll De Stone Away* (arr. Jester Hairston)

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Text: based on "Salve caput cruentatum," anon., 13th c.; Paul Gerhardt, "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden," *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1656; trans. James W Alexander, rev. *The Breaking Crucible*, 1861

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt.

Music: anon., *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Let the Children Come to Me

Text: James V Marchionda

Music: James V Marchionda; arr. Michael K Runyan, alt.

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Jesus Loves Me

Text: Anna B Warner, 1859

Music: William B Bradbury, *The Golden Shower*, 1862

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, "Gloria, laus, et honor," ca. 820; trans. John M Neale, *The Hymnal Noted*, 1851

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1613, *Ein andächtiges Gebet ...*, 1615

This Joyful Eastertide

Text: George R Woodward, *Carols for Easter and Ascension*, 1894

Music: Dutch traditional, *David's Psalmen*, 1685; harm. Alice Parker, ©1966 Alice Parker

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet, *Gospel Magazine*, 1779-1780; rev. John Rippon, *Selection of Hymns*, 1789

Music: James Ellor, ca. 1838

Lift Your Glad Voices

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