

**Unity Moravian Church**  
**April 11, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

Watchword for the Week: If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

***Gathering for Worship***

**Welcome**

Rev. Joe Moore

**Prelude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Donna Shore

arr. F. Breazeale

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Joe Moore

The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

**The Lord has set his people free.**

pg. 90 Ellacombe (151 R)

*The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad:  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin to be set free,  
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin;  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
In grateful exultation their notes let all things blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.*

***Offering Our Prayers and Praises***

**Liturgy for Easter**

Sharon Dailey

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy, we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

**Praise, honor, glory and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever.**

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,

**And was raised to life for our justification.**

Then what can separate us from the love of God? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

**No in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.**

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

**Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Diademata (595 C)

*Christians dismiss your fear; let hope and joy succeed;  
the joyful news with gladness hear, "The Lord is risen indeed!"  
The promise is fulfilled, in Christ our only Head;  
justice with mercy's reconciled, he lives who once was dead.*

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

**So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.**

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

**For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.**

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God

**For this perishable body of ours must put on an imperishable form, and this dying body, a deathless form.**

What is sown as perishable,

**Is raised imperishable;**

What is sown in dishonor,

**Is raised in glory;**

What is sown in weakness,

**Is raised in power;**

What is sown a physical body,

**Is raised a spiritual body.**

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

pg. 93 Lux Eoi

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he, who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is ris'n from the dead.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

**For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.**

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

**Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesu Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice.  
Exalt our God with one accord, and in His Name rejoice.  
Ne'er cease to sing, thou ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays,  
And sing in perfect harmony To God our Savior's praise.  
He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God;  
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain; Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

## **Prayers of Intercession and Confession**

Dana Myers

Please remember in your prayers: Teresa Perry, Kay Huneycutt, Richard Williamson, Terry Sink, Don Matney, Kasey Smith, Lou Utt, Jeff Chrysson

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, humbly confessing our sins. Hear now our Silent Confessions.

### Silent Confession

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontented, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*  
Donna Shore

arr. M. Bober

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

## **Responding to God's Love and Mercy**

### **Worship by Learning and Serving**

Dana Myers

### **Worship by Giving**

(Jesus) called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."  
Mark 12:43-45

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Offertory *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. B. Wolaver  
Donna Shore

### **Sharing God's Word**

**Scripture** I John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**Hymn** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* # 713

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear  
from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:*

*that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

### **Sermon**

#### **Going Forth to Proclaim God's Love and Salvation**

**Sending** Rev. Joe Moore

Glory be to Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they die, yet shall they live. Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting.

**Amen.**

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever others say;  
I see his hands of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him he's always near.*

Refrain:

*He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that he us leading through all the stormy blast,  
the day of his appearing will come at last. (Refrain)*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)*

**Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

**Amen**

**Postlude**

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*  
Donna Shore

arr. R. Hughes

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