

**What could be our proclamation
If our Lord had not been raised,
For without his resurrection,
What could give hope to our days?
But in fact, our Christ is living –
First to live, of those who've died;
For as all are lost through Adam,
So in Christ, we're made alive.**

**What is sown will surely perish;
What is raised will still endure.
What is sown is sown in weakness;
What is raised will die no more.
Flesh and blood cannot inherit
That great kingdom God will bring.
God will change us – never fear it!
Death, defeated, has no sting.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(traditional)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, you have done great things for us,
and holy is your name. You have conquered death
and raised Jesus from the grave.
Bless all that we offer you – our selves, our time,
and our possessions – that through us your grace
and favor may be made known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.**

(Refrain)

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.**

(Repeat refrain...)

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.**

(Repeat refrain...)

**He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.**

(Repeat refrain...)

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.**

(Repeat refrain...)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Celtic Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE –



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Rev. Bill Beck

Reader: Bob Read

Vocalist: Steve Walker

Ushers: Deb Ryerson; Charlie Thompson; Richard & Nancy Tritt

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* *the church at work*: Presbyteries of: Western Colorado; San Francisco; Glacier

* *the church in Carlisle Presbytery*: Capital (Harrisburg); Rev. Gene Gordon

* *the community*: St. Patrick's RC Church (Pomfret St.)

* *the congregation (at random)*: David Killian & Jamie Hoffman; Emily Compton

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- Wednesday, 7 PM: Bible Study (via Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY....7th Sunday of Easter.....May 16, 10:45 AM



Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director

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May 9, 2021

10:45 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Puer Nobis Nascitur*

Sanders
Haan/Schelat

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Allegro

Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship as resurrection people,
people who know Life is stronger than death.

We gather to worship as children of God,
children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.

We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
the church called out for service in the world.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN – “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

**That Easter day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise
The tribute of our grateful praise.**

**From every weapon death can wield,
Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, whose love knows no bounds,
forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.
When we turn away from the goodness of your love,
call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend.
When we stumble over the gift of your grace,
lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.
When we are certain that we are alone
in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace,
the gentle breeze of an evening rain.
When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace,
show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ,
your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ,
of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents
of resurrection in the world. AMEN**

(silent confession....)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

**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.**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen
Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may
proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Romans 6:3-11

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore 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, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ 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. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – I Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is^[a] from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will^[b] also bear the image of the man of heaven.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – “Contrast, Continuity and Change” Rev. Anthony Lorenz

HYMN – “Listen, Sisters! Listen, Brothers!”

(Sung to the tune Beach Spring; hymn “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”)

**Listen, sisters! Listen, brothers!
To the news that we proclaim;
Spread the word and tell your neighbors:
We have life in Jesus’ name.
All because God loves us dearly,
Jesus died for all our sin.
On the third day, God showed clearly:
Love has conquered, death can’t win.**