

# *Spirit of Grace* ELCA UMC



April 17th , 2022  
*Easter Sunday*

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Prelude & Setting the Altar

Risen Today, Alleluia  
*Spirit of Grace Bell Choir*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Beloveds, rejoice! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Systems of evil cannot overcome Hope;  
forces of oppression cannot destroy Love.  
**Alleluia! The Holy is alive within us!**

Praise the God of New Life even amidst grief,  
Praise the God of Possibility even when all seems lost.  
**Alleluia! The Holy is alive within us!**

The stone of despair has been rolled away! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Children's Message: Unburying the Alleluia

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – ELW 367  
*verses 1, 2, 4*

## Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Special Music

Thine is the Glory  
*Spirit of Grace Bell Choir*

## First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create  
new heavens and a new earth!  
The things of the past  
will not be remembered or come to mind!  
Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create,  
because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy  
and its people to be a delight!  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.  
No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,  
or old people who do not live out their days.  
They die as mere youths  
who reach but a hundred years,  
and those who fall short of a hundred  
will be thought accursed.  
At last they will live in the houses they build,  
and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant.  
They will not build for another to inhabit;  
they will not plant for another to eat.

For the days of my people  
will be like the days of a tree,  
and my chosen ones will enjoy  
the fruit of their labors.  
They will not labor in vain  
or bear children doomed to die;  
for they and their descendants  
are a people blessed by God.  
Even before they call upon me, I will answer;  
and while they speak, I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side;  
the lion will eat straw like an ox.  
Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground;  
they will not injure or destroy  
in all my holy mountain,”  
says YHWH.

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

So Peter said to them, “I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality – rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all.

“You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God – that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name.”

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**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.

While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee – that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – UMH 302  
*verses 1, 2, 4*

Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together:*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Joys & Concerns

*If you have any joys, concerns, or prayer requests to share, please type them into the comment section of the livestream so that we may lift them up together as a community.*

## Prayers of the People

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world, especially those working to help and protect victims of war and violence. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Offering & Offertory Music

Risen Today, Alleluia  
*Spirit of Grace Bell Choir*

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Offering Prayer

Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your reign of peace,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Holy Communion

**Preface - TFWS 2257-a**

It is indeed right, a good and joyful thing,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with the women at the tomb,  
with Mary Magdalene and Peter,  
with all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus - TFWS 2257-b**

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.  
By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.  
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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."

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."

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.

#### **Memorial Acclamation - TFWS 2257-c**

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 God, now and forever.

**Great Amen - TFWS 2257-d**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the  
language you are most familiar with - the language of your heart.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

This table of bread and wine has now been made ready.  
So come to this table,  
You who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here long  
you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed;  
Come and eat. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

## Communion Distribution

## Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Sending Song:

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia – ELW 364  
*verses 1, 4, 5*

## Blessing

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Proclaim what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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