

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 Sunrise Worship in Memorial Park Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Easter Proclamation

The Lord the strength and our song has become our salvation! We shall not die but live, and declare God's mighty deeds. Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., Music: Robert Williams LLANFAIR

Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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!

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

O God of Resurrection Hope, we come before you this Easter morning with our hearts full of joy and thanksgiving. Jesus Christ is risen today! We join our voices with the faithful throughout the ages and around the globe, and shout Alleluia! Thanks be to you our God of New Life! We know that we do not deserve new life nor your forgiveness but that Jesus died and rose for each one of us in your great love. May our worship and may our Easter lives be a reflection of our grateful hearts. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray this morning. Amen.

The Easter Story

John 20:1-18

Easter Meditation

Hymn

"In the Bulb There is a Flower" Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Easter Affirmation

from 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Easter Litany

Hallowed be your name, O God of Resurrection!

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Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Charge and Blessing Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Go in the peace of Christ our Risen Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Leading worship this morning: Kathy Beach, pastor Dave McCollum, director of music