## Easter Sunday Worship

April 12, 2020, 10 a.m., Cheltenham UMC



"The Promised Land"

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### +GREETING Psalm 118, adapt.; Easter proclamation

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

## Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1851 Music: *Lyrica Davidica*, 1708 UMH 302, Tune: EASTER HYMN

Played by Chiara Griffith

+HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye 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! +HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH 302

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, from the Exsultet, 8th C.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

### Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of our King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, from the Exsultet, 8th C.

Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! **Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!** 

May the Morning Star, which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Amen. +PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739 Music: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. by David Evans, 1927 UMH 312, Tune: LLANFAIR

Played by Chiara Griffith

+HYMN "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" UMH 312

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia! +HYMN "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" UMH 312

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia! **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10:34–43** Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

#### GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1–10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### SERMON

### "The Promised Land"

Part 7 of the Lenten Sermon Series "A Journey Through the Wilderness"

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### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 Music: George J. Elvey, 1868

UMH 327, Tune: DIADEMATA

Played by Chiara Griffith

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.



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