

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

Northgate United Methodist Church
April 4, 2021
Order of Worship
Easter Sunday/Communion Sunday
Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen!

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name,
and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer

O God of Easter joy, we come this morning
with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! May this time of worship
help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ.
May we be transformed. Transformed into your butterfly people,
winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life.
AMEN.

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302, vs. 1-3

**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!**

**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!**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Christ Is Risen

UMH 307, vs. 1 & 3

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

Young Disciples

David Forbus

Anthem

Rise Again

David Forbus, Soloist

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Let's Set the Record Straight!"

Pastor Freddie Orr

Holy Communion

Table II

UMH 12-15

INVITATION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
and who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

(All pray in silence)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 Father, now and forever. AMEN.

THE 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. AMEN.

The blood of Christ, given for you. AMEN.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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

**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.**

**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.**

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Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Pastor Freddie Orr
 Liturgist Gail Blythe
 Music Director.....David Forbus
 AccompanistLaura Benton



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