

April 20, 2025- Easter

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Pastor: Blondel Jones-Grant Organist: Stan Timari

Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen. Luke 24:5

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: Christ is risen!

A: He is risen indeed!

L: Hail to our Victorious Lord and Savior

A: You have burst the bonds of death

L: Grant us as to Mary, the great favor

A: To embrace your feet in faith

L: You have in our stead the cursed endured

A: And for us eternal life secured; joyful we with one accord, hail you as our risen Lord

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today "

MBW Page 358

Je-sus Christ is ris'n to-day, al-le-lu-ia! Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once, up-on the cross, al-le-lu-ia! Suf-fer to re-deem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, al-le-lu-ia! Un-to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, al-le-lu-ia! Who en-dured the cross and grave, al-le-lu-ia! Sin-ners to re-deem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he en-dured, al-le-lu-ia! Our sal-va-tion have pro-cured, al-le-lu-ia! Now a-bove the sky he's King, al-le-lu-ia! Where the an-gels ev-er sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Now be God the Fa-ther praised, al-le-lu-ia! With the Son, from death up-raised, al-le-lu-ia! And the Spir-it, ev-er blessed, al-le-lu-ia! One true God, by all con-fessed. Al-le-lu-ia!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Easter

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The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has set his people free.

Hymn:

ELLACOMBE

The day of res-ur-rec-tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad; the pass-o-ver of glad-ness, the passover of God. From death to life e-ter-nal, from sin to be set free, our Christ has brought us ov-er with hymns of vic-to-ry.

Now let the heav'ns be joy-ful, let earth its song be-gin; the round world keep high tri-umph, and all that is there-in; in grate-ful ex-ul-ta-tion their notes let all things blend, for Christ the Lord has ris-en, our Joy that has no end.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins.

And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn:

DIADEMATA

Chris-tians, dis-miss your fear; let hope and joy suc-ceed; the joy-ful news with glad-ness hear, "The Lord is ris'n in-deed!" The prom-ise is ful-filled in Christ our only Head; jus-tice with mer-cy's rec-on-ciled, he lives who once was dead.

(Sitting)

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, we too might walk in newness of life.

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.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Standing)

Hymn:

LUX EOI

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Hearts to heav'n and voi-ces raise; sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise; he, who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal-va-tion bled, Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo-ry, now is ris-en from the dead.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

BECHLER

Sing hal-le-lu-jah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheer-ful voice; ex-alt our God with one ac-cord, and in his name re-joice. Ne'er cease to sing, O ran-somed host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, un-til in realms of end-less light your prais-es shall u-nite.

There we to all e-ter-ni-ty shall join th'an-gel-ic lays, and sing in per-fect har-mo-ny to God our Sav-ior's praise; he has re-deemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God; for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! A-men.

(Sitting)

Sunday School Presentation: "Colors of Easter"

This is Jesus - Shawna Edwards

Offering Our Gifts Today:

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: "This Day is Holy to the Lord" MBW Page 821 Tune 543

This day is holy to the Lord; this day the Lord has made; we will rejoice with one accord and in his name be glad. Come, let us worship and bow down, with thanks appear before his throne; he to our songs of praise and prayer will lend a gracious ear.

Prayer of Blessing: (All) Heavenly Father, On this glorious Easter morning, we rejoice in the victory of Christ's resurrection. As we bring our tithes and

offerings before you, we do so with grateful hearts, acknowledging that all we have is a gift from you. Bless these gifts, O Lord, that they may be used to spread the good news of the risen Savior, to care for those in need, and to strengthen Your Church in love and service. May our giving be a reflection of Your generosity, and may it bring glory to Your name. Multiply these offerings, that they may bear fruit and bring glory to your name. Amen.

(Sitting)

Hymn of Preparation: “Break Now the Bread of Life” MBW Page 502 Vs. 4

O, Send your Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, that he may touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth concealed within your Word, and in your book revealed I see my Lord.

God’s Word For Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (Responsive) Pew Bible Page 1153

Peter at Cornelius’ House

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

But accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,

but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 whom God appointed 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.”

2nd Scripture Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:19-26

Pew Bible Page 1205

The Resurrection of the Dead

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

(Please Stand)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

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The Resurrection

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they

told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Hymn

“God Sent His Son”

MBW page 706 Vs. 1

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus, he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;____
because I know____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just
because he lives.**

The Sermon:

“Where is He?”

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Hymn of Response:

“God Sent His Son”

MBW Page 706 Vs. 2-3

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

**Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;____
because I know____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just
because he lives.**

And then one day I’ll cross the river, I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict’ry, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know he reigns.

**Because he lives_ I can face tomorrow, because he lives_ all fear is gone;____
because I know____ he holds the future, and life is worth the liv-ing just
because he lives.**

Benediction:

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Parting Hymn: “O Sons and Daughters” MBW Page 369 Vs. 1,2,3,5
Sung to Tune Red Hymnal Page 139

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sings, today the grave has lost its sting! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! That Easter morn at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three, “Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Al-le-lu-ia!

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! On this most holy of days, be laud and jubilee
and praise: to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Co Leaders for April, 2025

April 27th - Donna Ziegeler

We want to thank The Sunday School Children for bringing their Easter Program Called, "The Colors of Easter". They are the following: Lilac Hallett and Teddy Hallett, Elise Leccese, Zoe McGloin, Dianna and Charles Montanti, Peter, and Cayleigh Ziegeler. Sunday School Teachers: Pam Bailey and Veronica Samuel.

We thank everyone who purchased a plant to decorate our sanctuary for Easter.. Thank you for the ones who arranged the plants to make the sanctuary look beautiful.

Next Sunday, April 27, 2025, we will welcome Pastor Jesus Laguerra back into the pulpit. We look forward to welcoming you all here.

