

Early on the first day of the week.....John 20:1

Mary Magdalene is going to the tomb in the garden by herself. Were her eyes swollen from crying? Did she just need to get out of the house? Was she tired from all the running to tell the disciples that they have taken the Lord's body? What more could possibly happen?

We have had a year beyond all years, for us anyway, with chaos and turmoil surrounding each of us. We like Mary have known death. We have felt loneliness. Yet, something has changed. Things are changing for us all. The tomb in the garden does not look like it did the night before. The tomb is empty as Peter and John describe and believe it to be empty, yet Mary goes back. Jesus shows himself to her, calling her by her name, and then she knows it is Jesus. He knew her name, Mary knows it, and life changed. Her trust and love for Jesus Christ is apparent. She has seen the Lord!

This week as Jesus goes from the Cross-to the Resurrection we are in a spot once again for change. For those who want to worship in gathering on Sunday, April 4 and feel comfortable doing this, we will have a 7:30 worship and a 9:30 worship (All CDC guidelines will be followed). The youth will have a "to-go breakfast" for your Easter breakfast. Our worship will continue on Facebook Live, YouTube, and written and sent bulletins, on our web page and through email on our directory.

One change as we are back in person is that we will not be sending out bulletins in the mail, unless you would like one sent. It is your choice of online through the church directory, web page, in the mail, or pick it up on Sunday is your choice. Please let us know what your desire is. We are looking to save paper and printing for those who can, yet we will need your assistance to get the "Good News" and the news to you as is best for you ☺

May we all proclaim, like Mary, I have seen the Lord!

In the Resurrected Christ,

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

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April 4, 2021- Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. In word and feast,

we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Prelude

Pat Anderson

Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, so please make sure you have a Communion packet when you arrive. Please join us as we sing under our masks. Thank you for practicing social distancing and masking.

Easter Litany

L: We join each other this early morning to gather to worship;

C: Oh how we have longed for this day.

L: With the trials and heartaches of this year;

C: We have longed for this day.

L: There were times we felt like loneliness, death and darkness had taken over.

C: Yet, something is in the air.

L: What has changed? What is different? What will we see?

C: We, like Mary Magdalene proclaim, “We have seen the Lord.”

L: We do not need proof, we proclaim,

C: We have seen the Lord!

L: Jesus Christ has risen,

C: He has risen indeed. Alleluia

Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Red Worship Book 365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn “Christ has Risen, Alleluia” (vs. 1 & 5) Red Worship Book 364

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain- Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

5 Jesus is living, alleluia! Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

Second Lesson: Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then ⁶to the twelve. ⁷Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁸Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁹Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ¹⁰For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹¹But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹²Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Special Music Easter Song

Elaine Jensen and Joanne Richards

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia.....”

Red Worship Book pg. 142

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)

Red Worship Book pg. 143

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Our Lord

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C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

Sermon

Through the Tears John 20:1-18

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

Jesus Christ has Risen, He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia

In the beginning of the Gospel of John, when God created everything and all of creation, creating this beautiful garden, we hear that God became flesh and the word heard and spread. In the Gospel of John the writer continues to point to Jesus Christ, the Savior that wants all to have a life with him, on earth, and forever not just abundant later, but abundant right now. He healed, taught, loved and forgave, which got him in big trouble and ends up traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover. Some following and praising him and some following and plotting against him. From Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, and then Good Friday.

If we were to step into the lives of these disciples they really had their ups and downs. They followed. They listened and many times they just couldn’t understand what Jesus was talking about and how things were going to turn out. They each had other goals in mind of what a King would do, yet, their first clue might have been how he loved the rich and the poor, and of course, his famous and mind-blowing words, “**For God so loved the world (that’s the entire world, John 3:16).**” How he never made anyone else an “other” as much as saying, we are all in this together. How he fed and healed them. How he washed their feet. How he loved even Judas, who betrayed him and Peter who denied him. Probably not the Messiah they had in mind.

Yet, they loved him. Imagine their shock after the hosannas and the palms, what comes next. His suffering and death on the cross. What a trauma and shock. As we back up to see what our main character, Mary Magdalene, who has followed and taken care of Jesus, whom she loves and believes is the Messiah has been traumatized. She has experienced Good Friday at the foot of the cross with Mary, the mother of Jesus, a sister,

the beloved disciple, John, and they watched Jesus die. With the ones that loved them the most hanging on the cross, heard his last words. Was there when he took his last breathe. Mourning, sadness, and trauma. At the cross.

And it is the next day. She carries the day before with her. With sadness and grief, she goes to the garden, probably dragging her feet, where the tomb is by herself. Mary is by herself. Alone. She doesn't have spices. Maybe she just needed to see this place where he was, that it was not a nightmare that she was going to wake up from. Maybe just to sit. Not hoping for anything really.

When she gets there, more trauma and heartache. The body is gone. Someone has violated the tomb. Mary is alone and she is empty handed and empty hearted. No one with her. We can imagine her grief.

Tears. Weeping. What else could possibly go wrong? Mary Magdalene weeps four times in this passage. She knows grief, when her brother Lazarus dies, she weeps and so does Jesus, yet, Jesus takes care of that. Lazarus lives. Dying, death, tears, grief all of these things happen and they must, because we believe what is going to happen.

Yet it is hard at the time, we feel for Mary Magdalene. She runs to tell the disciples, and Peter and the other disciple go and they see the empty tomb, and seeing the empty tomb, they did not quite understand. Mary stayed at the tomb. Mary was crying. Two angels in white were standing there. "Why are you crying?" they ask. "They have taken my Lord. I don't know where they have taken him." Enter Jesus, yet she does not recognize him. "Woman, why are you crying?" She thought he was the gardener and asks him if he knows where they have taken his body. Maybe she cannot see through the tears. She doesn't recognize him.

Jesus just says, "Mary." Now Mary knows who it is. Rabboni, which means Teacher. Now she knows. Jesus tells her not to hold on to him because he is "ascending" to the Father. She is told to go and tell the disciples that, which she doesn't, and she goes to tell them instead, "I have seen the Lord." I have seen the Lord. Resurrection and ascension? Who cares, I have seen the Lord!

Trauma after trauma, so much that you cannot see through the tears. Yet, something has happened and she names what she saw. Hope is around the corner with Jesus. Hope comes from the cross, because of the cross. Life interrupted death. Incredulous after trauma. Hope after trauma. She didn't share what Peter and John shared in their belief, she shared what she saw, the Lord, and that was perfect.

Last Easter when inside worship was closed I had to look through the tears. I could not believe that our worship was on line and on Facebook with about eight of us here. I sat in the pew right here in the sanctuary and cried. Through the tears, I could not see clearly, through what was happening. We all had those moments. That was not the only grief that we all walked through this year, but we made it through and the promise, through our tears, like Mary, we rejoice today, knowing we trust the Lord, and we have seen him. Through the mess and the tears, we might dry our eyes. The cross and the grave have been overcome, the tears have turned to hope and joy. We have to go to the cross before there is a resurrection.

Mary did not give proof, but she gave proclamation. "I have seen the Lord!" Her life is where we might be, in our belief and witness and that is ok. Grief and tears were and are acceptable. Life and Resurrection is not all trumpets and lilies, which Easter thank God rings with, seen through the tears many times.

This last year has been traumatic for all of us. What are you seeing? Do we see hope and joy? Trust and a new beginning? We have gotten through it all with God at our side. We are proof of a God that loves us that we have trusted through the Son, who lives, who walks with us, who brings us hope every hour and every week. Ready to proclaim? Ready to be a witness? Who cares about the proof of such a marvelous feat, resurrection of the dead and life everlasting! We believe in the resurrected Lord. We are a confessing church of Jesus Christ. We need witnesses, not proof, just like those disciples who trusted and proclaimed.

May we all proclaim together, with Mary Magdalene, "We have seen the Lord!" Amen.

Hymn

"Now the Green Blade Rises" (vs. 1-3)

Red Worship Book 379

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Offering Prayer-You may leave your offering as you exit the church, table with offering plates are there.

L: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

Prayers of Intercession

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(A brief silence.)

L: Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 208

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 and ever. Amen.

Prayer

L: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L; May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

Red Worship Book 380

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone, bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you; joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too; with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth. Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth. Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

the worship is ended ... let the service begin...



The Noisy offering this month is for Pastor's Discretionary Fund, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.

Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

Second Reading

[1 John 1:1--2:2](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 133](#)

Gospel

[John 20:19-31](#)



Thank you for the bag that we received from the Confirmation youth, it was so kind.

Earl and Judy Koste



Gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Easter Day, the happiest day of the year for Christians like you, because Jesus is alive! Alleluia!



What do you see decorating your worship space? What color is on the altar?
What kind of music do you hear?

hear & celebrate **Jesus is Risen! John 20:1-18**

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene was the first person at the tomb where they had buried Jesus. She noticed that the tomb was empty and tearfully ran to tell two of the disciples that the body of Jesus was missing. All three of them raced back to the empty tomb, and the disciples went inside, only to find the linen cloths that had wrapped the body of Jesus lying in a pile. The disciples didn't know what to do, so they went home. Mary Magdalene stayed at the empty tomb crying, and then she peeked inside and saw two angels sitting where the body of Jesus had been! As she was talking with the angels about where the body had been taken, she heard a man calling her name. It was Jesus! Mary Magdalene was the first person to see Jesus alive again, and she was so excited that she ran to the disciples and announced, "I have seen the Lord."

What was your favorite part of this story? Imagine that you were Mary Magdalene, the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. What would you say to Jesus? Who would you tell?



Listen to the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* at home.



Alleluia, Jesus lives! Alleluia! Amen.

this week

Talk about the Easter story. Where do you see Jesus today?



*Easter Plants to grace our
sanctuary, on Easter morning.*

In loving memory of Nino and Alice Anderson

Their children and grandchildren.

***In loving memory of Donald Caza (husband) and
Lori Ann Caza (daughter).***

Betty Caza.

In loving memory of son-Charles Conway.

Kay Conway.

In loving honor of our beautiful church.

Elaine and Larry Garaghty.

In loving memory of John.

Mary Jabe.

***In loving memory of Shannon Jensen, Paul and
LaVonne Jensen, Luella Willert and Kathy Riley.***

Ron and Lana Jensen.

In loving memory of parents and siblings.

Dave and Kay Kadous

***In loving memory of Kenzie Klar, Harold Kunze and Grandparents and
In loving honor of family and friends.***

Tim, Mindy, TJ, Trevor, Brady, Kenna and Lainey Johnson.

In loving memory of Harry Nelson and In loving honor of My Family.

Ellie Nelson.

In loving memory of loved ones.

Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth.

In loving memory of my husband Gerald and my sister Nanc.

Kathryn Souer

In loving memory of our loved ones and In loving honor of our family.

Pastor Brenda Wicklund and Kent.

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