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Easter Sunday

9:45 Songs of Praise:

"Hallelujah: Your Love Is Amazing"

Your love is amazing Steady and unchanging Your love is a mountain Firm beneath my feet Your love is a
mystery How you gently lift me When I am surrounded Your love carries me

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Your love makes me sing (2x)

Your love is surprising

I can feel it rising

All the joy that's growing Deep inside of me

Every time I see You

All Your goodness shines through And I can feel this God song Rising up in me

Yes You make me sing

Lord You make me sing sing sing

How You make me sing

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“You Shine”

Why should I fear

When You made the heavens Why should I be afraid

When You put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart

When I know how great You are Why should I give up

When Your plans are full of love

In this world we will have trouble But You have overcome the world

You shine

Brighter than the brightest star Your love

Purer than the purest heart

You shine

Filling us with courage and strength

To follow You

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Thank you for the cross, Lord Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame In love You came
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious

High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

10:00 Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to our risen Lord this holy day

P: **May we continue to celebrate**

the good news of Easter day.

L: Today we celebrate anew the wondrous hope
and joyous promise of new life lived
in the presence of our risen Lord.

**P: Now in our worship we celebrate
with great thanksgiving and join together
in songs and hymns of praise and adoration.**

***Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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!

4. 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**

We exult in your love,
O God of the living,
for you made the tomb of death
the womb from which you bring forth your Son,
the first-born of a new creation,
and you anointed the universe
with the fragrant Spirit of his resurrection.
Make us joyful witnesses to this good news,
that all humanity may one day
gather at the feast of new life
in the kingdom where you reign
for ever and ever. Amen.

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22** For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24** Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17; 21-24

- 1 Give praise to the LÓRD, for he is good;
his mércy endúres foréver.
- 2 Let the hóuse of Ísrael sáy,
“His mércy endúres foréver.”

14 The LÓRD is my stréngth and my sÓng;
hé was my sáviÓr.

15 There are shÓuts of jÓy and salvátiÓn
in the ténts of the júst.

“The Lord’s right hánd has done míghty déeds;
16 his ríght hand is exálted.

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17 I shall not díe, Í shall líve
and recÓunt the déeds of the LÓRD.

21 I will thánk yÓu, for yÓu have ánswered,
and yÓu are my sáviÓr.

22 The stÓne that the buílders rejécted
has becÓme the cÓrnerstone.

23 By the LÓRD has thís been dÓne,
a márvel in Óur éyes.

24 This is the dáy the LÓRD has máde;
let us rejÓice in ít and be glád.

Children's Message: "The Faces of Easter"

*Hymn: "Up From the Grave He Arose" 322

1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

John 20:1-8

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” **14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon: “The Path to Resurrection: NOW”

Praise Team: “Risen”

Sending Forth:

***Closing Hymn: “He Lives” 310**

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men 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), 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), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart
In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last
He lives (He lives), 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), 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
He lives (He lives), 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), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

*The Blessing - Response:

“And All the People Said Amen!”

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen
And all the people said Amen

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