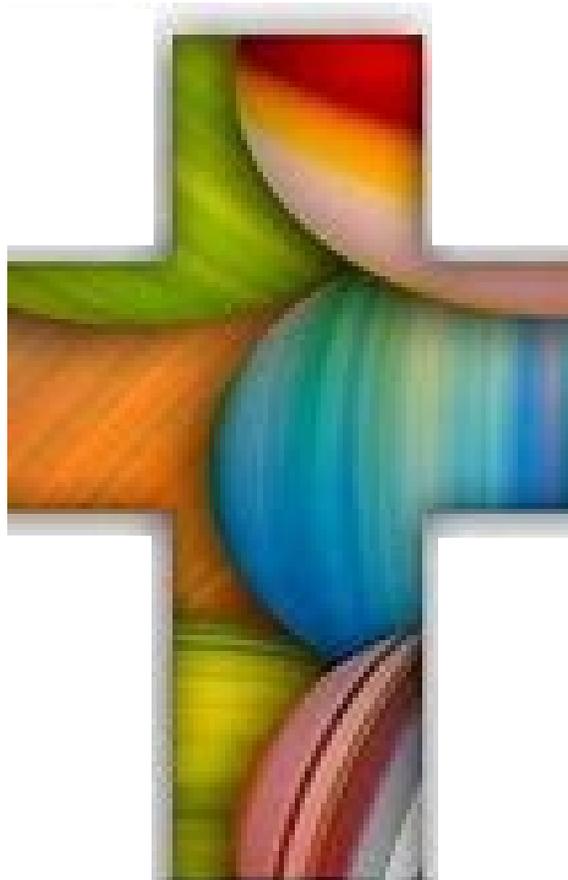


EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021



HE IS RISEN!
Alleluia!
HAPPY EASTER

Central and Algonquin UMC's Online Worship Gathering

April 4, 2021 at 9:00 am

Welcome to our worship celebration!

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the chat box early
in the service so our hosts can get it to Pastor Vickie.*

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EASTER SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome

***Declaration of Faith¹**

One: In this moment where mystic and modern meet;

ALL: In this moment of empty tombs and heavenly messengers;

One: in this moment of life, of death, of resurrection, we come.

ALL: We come to wonder. We come to hope. We come to be renewed.

One: But most of all—

ALL: we come to worship God! Alleluia!!

***Opening Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302 (1,2,3)

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

Children's Message

Sermon

Special Music

Easter Celebration Medley for clarinet and piano
John Wilkinson, clarinet; Cathy Wilkinson, piano

arr. G. Lanier

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession²

Pastor: God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ.

ALL: Yet, we confess our fear of death. We fear death as life's ending, and its threat hidden in poverty, danger or sickness.

Pastor: We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understanding. And, we confess our fear of life, its changes, its new paths.

ALL: God, we trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your loving arms, and receive your forgiveness and your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life—whether in faltering steps or a dance of joy: through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: 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.

Pastor: ...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.

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

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In the United Methodist Church, we practice "Open Communion" which means that anyone who is seeking a relationship with God is invited to receive Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: What shall we say after reception of God's gracious gift?

ALL: Loving God, we thank you for feeding us in this Sacrament. Help us remember that sharing the body and blood of Jesus is not a passive activity. Gathering here, you remind and restore us. Scatter us to be the body of Christ for the world. Be with us as you take us places that, on our own, we would not go. Help us make the power of love real today and in the week ahead. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

Benediction

Postlude

*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

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Greeter/Liturgist: Jackie Willey

Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller

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Ushers: Norb Bennin, Tom Brown

Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

Footnotes:

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