

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

9:30 am - April 16, 2017

We Gather Together

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GIFT OF MUSIC

The Stone is Rolled Away

Mary, Mary, come and see, the stone is rolled away. Mary, Mary, come and see, the stone is rolled away. Mary, Mary, have no fear. He is ris'n, He is not here. Mary, Mary, come and see, the stone is rolled away. Go tell Matthew, Peter too. The stone is rolled away. He has ris'n, He died for you, the stone is rolled away. He has gone to Galilee, He said, "My brothers, follow me". He has ris'n and set us free, the stone is rolled away. Let us Christians praise His name the stone is rolled away. Let all Christians praise His name the stone is rolled away. He is risen from the tomb, gone the days of dark and gloom. Let all Christians praise His name, the stone is rolled away. Mary, come and see, the stone is rolled away!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O gardens, into singing!

All: **For the Lord has comforted the people,
and brings life to all the world.**

*HYMN 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Jim Wilson

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: The stone of demand, shattered! Back there has no power nor has our coming death, only in the moment of incarnation is reality absorbed. Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: The evil of life as his footstool, the hope of life his mainstay, touching, touching, touching, giving wholeness, becoming one with humanity regardless, absolutely regardless, even death failed to dissuade him. Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

One: And the grave yielded, the stone wall parted, wholeness triumphed, truth soared to new heights, calling humanity to holy wholeness, to life, to conquer evil. Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

He Is Alive

I like to dance... Cuz' He is alive!

I like to sing... Cuz' He is alive!

I'm gonna share the joy everywhere that I go,
And I'm gonna share the joy with everybody I know
I'm gonna share the joy every night and day.
I can't keep it to myself I got to give it away.

I like to clap... Cuz' He is alive!

I like to shout ... Cuz' He is alive!

I like to dance... Cuz' He is alive!

I've got the joy of the risen Lord in my heart!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

We Receive the Word

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

GIFT OF MUSIC

Glorious, Risen Christ!

Before the sun had arisen Mary mourned for the Lord alone, but the darkened tomb was an empty room, the Son of God was gone! Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty! Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost the miraculous gift of Christ's love for us. Mary heard His voice in the garden quietly calling her name. She could not believe, nor her mind could conceive that Jesus was alive! Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty! Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost the miraculous gift of Christ's love for us. She reached for the hem of his garment, silent, astonished she gazed; His feet were torn that Easter morn. She bowed before her Lord, amazed! Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty! Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost the miraculous gift of Christ's love for us. Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty! Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost the miraculous gift, God's holy gift the life-changing gift of Christ's love for us!

MESSAGE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

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**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

We Respond to the Word

Mighty to Save

*PRAISE

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.

Savior, he can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation,
he rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're singin' for the glory of
the risen King, Jesus. Shine Your light and let the whole world see.
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.

Chorus

You're my Savior, you can move the mountains. God, you are mighty to
save, you are mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, you rose and
conquered the grave. Yes, you conquered the grave.
You are mighty to save.

OFFERING GIFTS TO GOD AND THE WORLD

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth Into the World as Easter People

*HYMN OF HOPE 310

He Lives

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE