

ORDER OF WORSHIP
A Celebration of the Resurrection

Prelude *An Anthem for Easter* William Billings
 Chamber Singers

 Lead On, O King Eternal arr. Jason Krug
 Chancel Bells

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Easter Greeting**

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed!*

Minister: Christ The Lord is Risen!

People: *He is Risen indeed!*

***Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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!

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!

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!

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!

***Collect for the Day** (pray in unison)

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy
the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-
giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer

***The Gospel Lesson**

John 20:1-18

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices
Chamber Singers and Chancel Bells

Craig Courtney

Sermon

“Resurrection Faith”

Rev. Mitch Houston

***Hymn of Dedication**

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***Blessing of the People**

***Benediction Response**

Hallelujah from Messiah

George F. Handel

Chamber Singers and Congregation

***Postlude**

Toccata Allegro from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

*Those who are able, please stand

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices, Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of Love;
See, He sits upon the throne; Jesus rules the world alone.
Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

Jesus, hail! Whose glory brightens All above and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth:
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.
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Savior, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, O bring thy glorious day
When, the mighty summons hearing, Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with all the saints we'll sing, "Glory, glory to our King"
Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

WELCOME

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christian people. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this day with us and welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230, ext. 1837.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jaye's daddy, Johnny Jones by Greg and Jaye Elliott.

- Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care
- Rev. Josephine Locklair, Spell Chapel
- Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
- Ms. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director
- Ms. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
- Mr. Mike Jeter, Youth Director
- Ms. Barbara Bassett, Interim Director of Music Ministries
- Mr. Michael López, Organist



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