



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**WORSHIP @ HOME**

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The pictures above show this year’s Easter Flowers. Thank you to all those who donated flowers this year. Since there is not a safe way for us to get the flowers to those who donated them, they will be planted around the Zion grounds so that their beauty can be enjoyed for years to come.

*EASTER*  
April 12, 2020

**Prelude**

*He Lives*, Martha Main

**We are Called to Worship**

One: We come to this moment, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith. Do not meet us only now, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power

**Many: in all the places of our lives!**

One:: We gather to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace. This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life

**Many: in all the places of our lives!**

One: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit. Let this same Spirit fill us, that we may know the truth of resurrection

**Many: in all the places of our lives!**

One: We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living and so are we!

**Many: Alleluia indeed!+**

**Gathering Prayer (unison) - Good News God, in the midst of deep sorrow and grief your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing them news more awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen! Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives. Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with the joy of the women disciples, the first witnesses to your resurrection, that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory. Let us roll back the stone of the grave and sing Alleluia once again! In Christ we pray, Amen.+**

## **Song 1**

*In the Garden, 300*

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

### **A Time of Prayer**

*You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Anthem**

*Jesus Loves Me (Oh, How He Loves You and Me), Martha Main*

## **We Hear God's Word**

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and

great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

## **Song 2**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, 288*

## **Meditation**

*With Fear and Great Joy*

**Spiritual Practice of the Week** – Church members and some of our friends who have been engaging in our ministry through Facebook, submitted pictures of the spring flowers that surround their homes. Pastor Sarah has also been taking pictures of the flowers that are blooming around the Zion Grounds. When you received your worship materials, you should have also received a collage of these pictures that also includes our “Palm Prayer” picture submissions from Palm Sunday. Take a few moments to contemplate the beauty of the new, abundant life that is springing forth around us. Even in the face of death, hope that comes from Christ still blooms. Thank you to all who submitted pictures!

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

### **Offertory**

*Because He Lives, Martha Main*

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You’re invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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You can now submit your offerings on our website through a secure PayPal

donation button. Please know that PayPal receives at 2.2% processing fee and a \$0.30 transaction charge. You are able to set up reoccurring, monthly payments. Check it out on our website at [www.zionuccindy.net/donate](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate).

**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** (unison) – **O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.~**

### **Song 3**

*Because He Lives, 447*

#### **We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing**

From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy. Christ is risen! We go forth in joy! From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith. Christ is risen! We go forth in faith! From suffering and death, we find healing and life. Christ is risen! We go forth to live! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.~

Worship Notes: ~ Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020. Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

+UCC Worship Ways

## **Easter Flowers were lovingly donated by the following people:**

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