

ORDER OF WORSHIP - April 12, 2020 - EASTER SUNDAY

Gathering Thoughts:

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." - John 20:1

Prelude

Sharon Lehr

Call to Worship: *(Colossians 3:1-4 adapted)*

Leader: You have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,

People: Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Leader: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

People: for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: When Christ who is your life is revealed,

People: then we also will be revealed with him in glory.

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

God of the Resurrection, you who sent Jesus into the world to experience suffering, death, and Resurrection for us, help us to realize this is more than a one-time event in the past. Rather, help us to experience your transforming Resurrection power within us. May we know the joy of Resurrection and life eternal in our waking and sleeping, our doing and resting, our grief and celebrations. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

UM Hymnal # 302

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "... while it was still dark ..."

Pastor Kent Jackson

Special Music "Thine Be the Glory"

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Passing of the Peace: An invitation to greet one another.

Individuals and families are invited to record a brief greeting to others in the congregation and email them to me at UMCBPastor@gmail.com or text 845-522-1233 (Suggestion, include your names or family name and end by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "Up From the Grave He Arose"

UM Hymnal # 322

Benediction

Postlude

Sharon Lehr