



Central
United Methodist Church

Order of Service 4.17.2022

Prelude

Thine Be the Glory—Handel/arr. Krug

Acolyte—Olivia H.

Lenten Reading—

Audrey Brooks as
Mary reading from her journal

Pastor: Alleluiah He is Risen

**Congregation: Alleluiah, He is Risen
Indeed**

Continued Lenten Reading

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Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today #UMH 302

Verse 1

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!

Verse 2

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!

Up from the Grave He Arose #UMH 322

Verse 1

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer—UMH #895

Special Music—Teresa Hopper

In Christ Alone

Offering

Low in the Grave He Lay —arr. Hayes

Doxology

UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of
all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

20 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. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Choir Music Special

Come to the Water

Composer: John Foley/Arranger: Jack Schrader

Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present **Wesley James Greenwood** for baptism

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do

you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Wesley in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian

life?

I will

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in

Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

****Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

****Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

****All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

Wesley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as member of the family of Christ.

Receiving Our New Members

Closing Hymn

Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah
Performed by the Chancel Choir

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare and Postlude on "Easter Hymn" -arr. Wagner

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Early on the first day of the week ... Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20:1, NRSV

Happy Easter and Welcome!

Thank you for joining us today here at Central United Methodist Church of Kings Mountain. Since 1874, people have entered this place of worship, felt the warmth of a Christian community, and sensed the empowering presence of a holy and loving God. By no means are we a perfect community of disciples but we strive to live a life in relationship with Jesus Christ. Here at Central, our doors are open each Sunday Morning for you to come and "Recharge" your spirit!



Please take your Easter Lilies after service.

Ushers: Tom Bennett, David McDaniel & Joe Patterson
Greeter: Paula Goforth

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SGT Joshua Brucker; Matthew Oliveira (Doug & Ivoni Parker's son)—Army (Fort Benning, GA).

Praises: On the marriage of Bobby Childers & Darlene Combs on 4.2.22.

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Judy Norwood 7.12.21; Sheila Gentry 10.25.21; Mary Edwards 1.31.22.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Allen Ware 6.14.21 (colon cancer/www.caringbridge.org/visit/allenware); Sherry Wilson 6.25.21; Sidney Bridges 8.9.21; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Trent Hullender (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) 10.18.21; Ed Velky 12.9.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22.