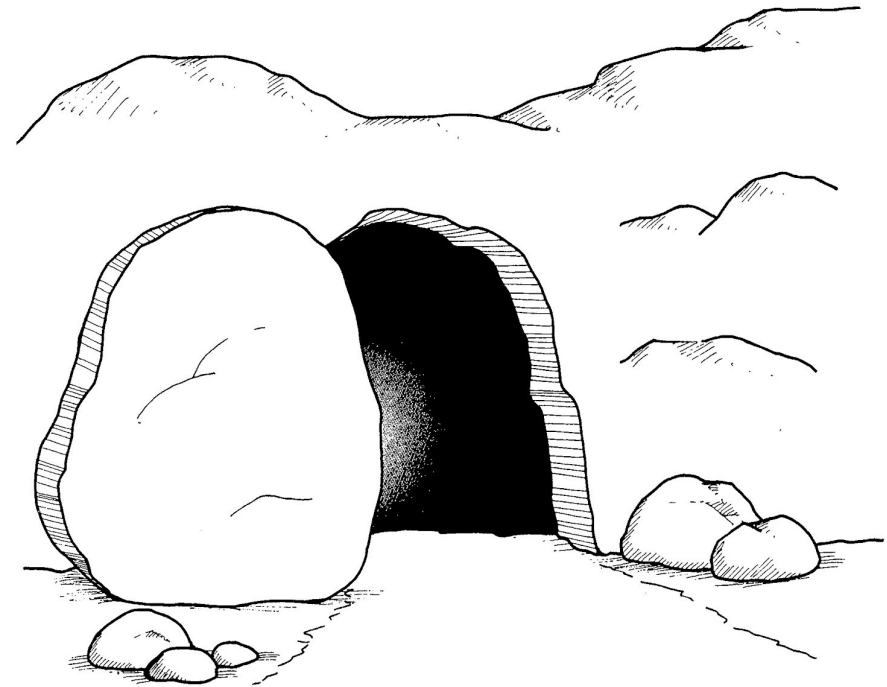


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EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP
April 1, 2018 6:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC

THE PRAYER FOR EASTER MORNING

Leader: The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right, that with open hearts, clear minds, and exuberant voices, we should praise you, unseen God, creator of all that is, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has ransomed us by his death, and has risen triumphant from the grave. Therefore, in the joy of this blessed morning, when sin is washed away and mourning is turned to joy, accept our sacrifice of praise. Grant that this Easter candle makes our darkness light, for Christ the morning star has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

*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!

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!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881 The Apostles' Creed

*THE GOSPEL STORY

John 20: 10-18

Rev. Ken Timmerman

SERMON

"The Tears of Easter"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF PRAISE

The women came running to tell us. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Out of darkness, light has come. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. The tomb is empty, our hearts are full. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Our mourning has turned to dancing. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Our tears have been turned to laughter. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. The stone moved away from the door of the tomb. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Captives at liberty, prisoners set free. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Death clothes cast aside to bind up broken hearts. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. The lowly are lifted, the mighty brought down. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Today the promise of God is fulfilled in our hearing. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.

*HYMN — "He Lives"

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

CHORUS — He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last.

REPEAT CHORUS

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.

REPEAT CHORUS

SENDING FORTH