



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Fayetteville First UMC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Do Not Fear

Dr. Martin

*HYMN 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*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' 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!*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**
Associate Minister

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen. **universal* *UMH 881*

***RESPONSE HYMN 310**

He Lives

ACKLEY

*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.*

*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.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"Christ is risen." "Christ is risen indeed!"*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Carson Thaxton
Director of Children & Family Ministry

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lawrence

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*We knew He was dead, "It is finished," He said.
We had watched as His life ebbed away.
Then we all stood around till the guards took Him down.
Joseph begged for His body that day.*

*It was late afternoon when we got to the tomb,
Wrapped His body and sealed up the grave.
So I know how you feel, His death was so real.
But please listen and hear what I say.*

*I've just seen Jesus. I tell you He's alive.
I've just seen Jesus, our precious Lord, alive.
And I knew He saw me too,
As if till now I'd never lived.
All that I'd done before won't matter anymore.
I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again.*

*It was His voice she first heard, those kind gentle words,
Asking what was her reason for tears.
And I sobbed in despair, "My Lord is not there."
He said, "Child, it is I, I am here"*

*I've just seen Jesus, I tell you He's alive.
I've just seen Jesus, our precious Lord alive.
And I knew He really saw me too,
As if till now I'd never lived.
All that I'd done before won't matter anymore.
I've just seen Jesus, I've just seen Jesus.
I've just seen Jesus.*

*All that I'd done before won't matter anymore.
I've just seen Jesus,
And I'll never be the same again.
I've just seen Jesus.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

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.

***HYMN 304**

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choicest; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Christ Ist Erstanden (Christ Is Risen)
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

J.S. Bach

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

Please remember in your prayers:

Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Ken Broady

Annelle Burch
Quentin Cash
Richard Clayton
Suzan Cole

Howard Dunham
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
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