



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Easter Sunday April 4, 2021**  
**Fayetteville First UMC**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*John 20:1-18*

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

*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.*



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May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**

*In the Garden*

GARDEN

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.*

*Refrain:*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.*

### **PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Ed Johnson

**\*HYMN**

*He Lives*

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*I serve a risen Saviour, 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), 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), 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.*

*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.*

**\*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.*

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Joe Byers  
Richard Clayton

Anne Free  
Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Ada Hewell  
Tangie Hubbard

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