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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY

“In Luke the women [at the tomb] are not commanded to go and tell the disciples, as both Mark and Matthew have it. The women are not errand runners for the disciples. They are disciples.”
Fred Craddock

PRELUDE Processional from "Sonata for Winds" G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Margaret MacInnis

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT “Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come out of shadows into light.

Come out of grief into joy.

Come out of fear into hope.

**In Christ we are called by name,
liberated to love,
empowered to serve.**

Christ who was dead
Is raised to life

**Christ who suffered
Has overcome the world**

[Unison]

We rise, risen Christ, to greet you.

*HYMN 123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (verses 1-3)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

God of dawn and new beginnings, we celebrate this day with joy.

We give you thanks for all that we are and all that we will become.

**We thank you for all good things-
for the air that we breathe,
for the ground on which we walk,
and for our very being, body and soul,
that makes us who we are.**

You, O Risen Christ, our companion, our center, our friend:

**We thank you for all those who share our life with us
and all those with whom we share this life on earth.**

**We recognize the measure of freedom we have to share each other's burdens, seek justice,
and increase the good.**

Help us to carry the joy and power of resurrection with us every day. Amen.

ANTHEM “This Joyful Eastertide” S. Drummond Wolff

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory Processional from "Riccardo" G.F. Handel

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10, 13-15

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now proclaim,
"The mercy of the Lord endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

[Unison]

**This is the day God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-12

SERMON “Easter Interruptions”

*HYMN 122 “Thine is the Glory”

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Hallelujah Chorus” G.F. Handel

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children’s Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR LENTEN OBSERVANCES AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS SO SPECIAL THIS YEAR: The Board of Christian Education for sponsoring the Ash Wednesday dinner, Patte Henderson and Bryan Clemons for coordinating our daily Lenten Reflections and all who wrote Reflections, the choir, Chris Nakielski, and Bill Crouch for glorious music through these days, the children of the church school, Ann Molsberry and the church school teachers for their Palm Sunday worship leadership, the Deacons for guiding us as we continue our reopening journey, the men of the church for serving the Easter breakfast, all who read during worship or led worship, everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, and everyone who has joined us for worship throughout Lent and this morning.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED SHOWER THE SANCTUARY WITH FLOWERS THIS MORNING. The flowers given by Theresa Messelien and Jim Martin are in memory of their parents: Ken & Alice Martin; and Ted & Ann Messlein.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: This offering has long been an important part of the life of our congregation. For many years now, we have been on the list of Top 100 giving churches. Your generous gift will support the relief work of not only the UCC but also many other denominations united in caring for refugees, in providing medical care, and in disaster recovery efforts. You can still give to support this important work. Use the special OGHS envelopes in the pews and put “OGHS” in the memo line of your check.

SAYING GOODBYE TO BOB AND CLAIRE. After over 40 years in Iowa City and as members of Congregational UCC, Bob and Claire Ashman are moving to be close to their daughter in Massachusetts. We will say goodbye with a special Coffee Hour after worship this morning. Everyone is invited to share their memories, their thoughts, and their good wishes with Bob and Claire in the book that is in Rockwood Hall.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.
Your giving makes a world of difference.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

RETURN TO HOPE LODGE! HELP PREPARE THE MAY 9 MEAL: Before the pandemic our church was providing an evening meal for the residents of Hope Lodge once a month. The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge houses cancer patients (and their caregivers)

who are receiving treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Hope Lodge is now back to housing residents but they are not yet allowing volunteers in the building. However, they are welcoming groups to provide an evening meal, enough for 30 people, leaving food off at the door. Our church will be responsible for a meal on May 9. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. Food will be delivered to Hope Lodge by 4:30 that day and should be in containers (aluminum pans) that do not need to be returned. The address of Hope Lodge is 750 Hawkins Drive (near the Ronald McDonald House). If you have questions about this project, contact Sue Dayton, cdayton7@mchsi.com or 351-5886.

KATHY KELLY, AMERICAN PEACE ACTIVIST, AUTHOR, AND MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FOR PEACE ADVISORY BOARD, WILL SPEAK at the Senate Chamber of Old Capitol in Iowa City at 5PM on Tuesday, April 19th. Her lecture is entitled “War Is Never the Answer”. This is a presentation of the University of Iowa Lecture Committee, and is co-sponsored by Veterans For Peace Chapter #161 and PEACE Iowa. Kelly has worked extensively for peace in the past forty years in Iraq, Afghanistan, Gaza, Lebanon, and US streets and prisons. Contact Ed Flaherty at 319 621-6766 for additional information. This event is free and open to the public.