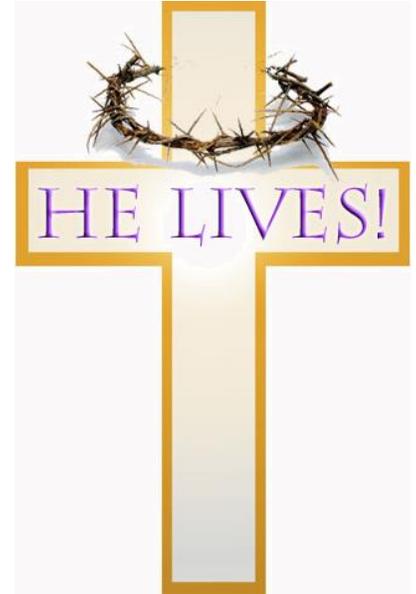


## Easter Sunrise

Hilton United Methodist Church  
March 27, 2016



**Gathering** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 1&4

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Price of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

### **A READING FROM ISAIAH 65: 17-25**

Hear this record of the promise of God to his people Israel – a promise that even now through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is coming to pass. A reading of the word of God from the Prophet Isaiah.

(NRSV) For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. {18} But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. {19} I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. {20} No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. {21} They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. {22} They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. {23} They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. {24} Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. {25} The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **4 Monologues**

Thomas

Peter

The Beloved Disciple

Mary Magdalene

## Resurrection ~ The Light Bursts Forth

### THE ACCOUNT OF THE RESURRECTION FROM JOHN 20: 1-18

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.

Leader: This is the gospel of our Risen Lord

People: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

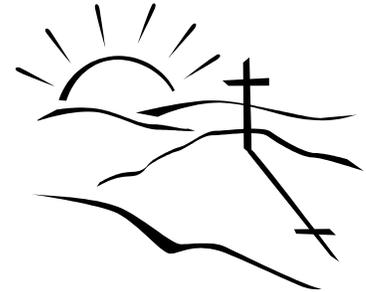
**Proclamation!** *[3 times, louder each time!]*

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

**Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

- 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!
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!
3. 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!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!



**4 Monologues**

Mary Magdalene  
Thomas  
The Beloved Disciple  
Thomas

**Hymn:** "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

**Verse**

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

**Chorus**

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

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## AN EASTER AFFIRMATION

Leader: There was darkness over the earth before creation;  
**People: There is darkness in the womb before birth;**  
Leader: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;  
**People: There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.**  
Leader: But now Christ is risen!  
**People: The dawn has come**  
Leader: A new creation has commenced  
**People: The world is born anew.**  
Leader: Christ is Risen.  
**People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**  
Leader: Thanks be to God!  
**People: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

## BENEDICTION

Go out now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Set your minds on the things of God and do not be afraid for your life is safe with Christ in God.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you. May Christ Jesus be your life. And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.  
Amen.

