FAUMC Easter Sunday Script, April 12, 2020

 Entrance

Welcome Rev. Craig Tuck

Prelude “Procession” Phillip Morgan

Call to Worship Lisa Bowling

Shout for joy.

The tomb is empty.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Clap your hands.

Death is cheated.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Dance and sing.

Lift up your heads.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed.

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Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Has Risen” Worldwide Easter Choir

 Charles Wesley

 ***Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!***

***Earth and heaven in chorus sing, 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 His rise, Alleluia!***

***Christ hath 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’s 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!***

 Proclamation and Response

\*\*Opening Prayer, Confession & Pardon Rev. Craig Tuck

Sharing the Peace of Christ Rev. Craig Tuck & Congregation

With joy beyond measure in the face of cruelty and death, let us share the triumph of love over hate as we share the words of Christ’s peace this blessed day.

The peace of Christ be with you!

AND ALSO WITH YOU!

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\*\*First Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSV) Lisa Bowling

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

 his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,

 “His steadfast love endures forever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my might;

 he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

 the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

17 I shall not die, but I shall live,

 and recount the deeds of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me severely,

 but he did not give me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,

 that I may enter through them

 and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;

 the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me

 and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected

 has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing;

 it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;

 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

AMEN.

\*\*Second Scripture Lesson John 20:1-18 (NRSV) Rev. Craig Tuck

20 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. 2 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.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; 12 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. 13 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.” 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 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.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 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.’” 18 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.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

\*\*Sermon "Is This True?" Rev. Craig Tuck

Solo “Light of a Clear Blue” Phillip Morgan

Intercessory and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Jack Steiner

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying the refrain, God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the gifts we give to the church and to those who bring relief during a painful time, gifts we give with thanksgiving we have in giving, transform these into healing, hope, and abiding love.

God of resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus’ name.

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For pastors, bishops, teachers, chaplains, and ministers of every faith, that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and reject the temptations of politics;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the sick and those worried they might be sick, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For our neighbors, who together or alone, we pray that they will dwell in harmony;

God of Resurrection,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ...the one who teaches us to pray in this way:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

on earth as 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Sending Forth

\*\*Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Craig Tuck