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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

“Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter—but beautiful—struggle for a new world.”

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Address at Riverside Church, New York, April 4, 1967

PRELUDE “Prelude & Fugue in G Major,” BWV 557 J.S. Bach

EASTER GREETING AND WELCOME

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT “Haec Dies” Jacob Handl Gallus

Translation: This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

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 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
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!
sinner 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

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 John 20:1-18

SERMON "Raised with Christ"

TIME OF GRATITUDE

ANTHEM "Easter Fanfare: Christ the Lord Is Risen" Paul Fetler
Virtual Sanctuary Choir
Aunna Marzen, trumpet
Kenken Gorder, trumpet
Kalli Lund, trumpet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson
Avery Nabholz, soprano
Wen Chin Liu, alto
Colin Wilson, tenor
Josh Ramseyer, bass

HYMN “Christ Rose Up from the Dead”

The full text and music can be found on these two pages:

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/NCH1995/page/329>

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Refrain:

**Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,
Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead,
Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead,
and God's grace will bear my spirit home.**

**They crucified my Savior upon a common cross,
they crucified my Savior upon a common cross,
They crucified my Savior upon a common cross,
and God's grace will bear my spirit home.**

**And Joseph begged his body, and laid it in the tomb,
and Joseph begged his body, and laid it in the tomb
And Joseph begged his body, and laid it in the tomb
and God's grace will bear my spirit home. [Refrain]**

**An angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone,
an angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone,
An angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone,
and God's grace will bear my spirit home. [Refrain]**

**Oh, Mary, she came running and found an empty tomb,
Oh, Mary, she came running and found an empty tomb,
Oh, Mary, she came running and found an empty tomb,
and God's grace will bear my spirit home. [Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Virtual Sanctuary Choir

Aunna Marzen, trumpet

Kenken Gorder, trumpet

Kalli Lund, trumpet

Tyler Walters, trombone

Andrew Knapp, trombone

Josh Ramseyer, trombone

POSTLUDE “Praeambulum” (E Major) Vincent Lubeck

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children's Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Kristin Ramseyer

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted by early Sunday morning each week 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.

Bill Lovin will be preaching next Sunday, April 11, and he will be taking some vacation time this coming week. He will be in town, but over at the church on a very limited basis. He can be reached, if needed, by email or phone.

And with the Easter season here, Bill will be leading a brief, two week series looking at the resurrection stories in chapters 20 & 21 of the Gospel of John. We'll meet by Zoom on Wednesday evenings, April 7 and 14. If you would like to join these sessions, email Bill at uccicre@uccic.org and he'll send you the Zoom invitation.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS *Providing Good Food and Hospitality since 1983*

Our church prepared **85** lunches to go at the Free Lunch Program on March 29, 2021. Since the dining room continues to be closed due to COVID-19, new procedures have been established that are working very well. So many generous members of our church volunteered by donating food for take-home lunches. Heartfelt thanks to: **Dianne Atkins, Ginny & Bryan Clemons, Sue Dayton, Bill Dickinson, Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, Betsy Henson, Linda Muston, Connie Parsons, Edie Roberts and Rebecca Weatherford**

Special appreciation to **Kyle Flippo, Betsy Henson, and Edie Roberts** for their cheerful onsite support. Our next scheduled serving date is **Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021.**

Vicki Thomae

RACIAL JUSTICE–SOCIAL ACTION DISCUSSIONS: AN INVITATION

The Mission Board invites you to participate in the final discussion group to be held via Zoom in April.

We will come together with the hope of understanding and combating racism—within ourselves and in the world around us. Through the questions we ask and the answers we propose, we will seek specific projects and goals that can lift the burden of racism that our sisters and brothers of color—indeed, all of us—carry in our daily life.

The session will open with brief introductory remarks, and guided discussion will follow; we encourage *all* participants to voice their own thoughts! (If attendance warrants, Zoom will help us arrange smaller discussion groups.) The final session is: **Environmental Justice Apr. 27, Tuesday, 7:00–8:30**

Registration instructions: please read carefully!

Registration will be handled through **Kyle Flippo, kyle-flippo@uiowa.edu**. Please email Kyle indicating that you'd like to join the session. Approximately a week before the session, registrants will receive a welcome letter with a Zoom link. After you register, you'll also be offered a *few* pages of suggested reading for each session. After each discussion, you'll receive a list of proposed actions and activities.

We welcome you, and encourage you to pass our invitation on to others who may wish to join us. **If you have questions, please email Kyle Flippo, kyle-flippo@uiowa.edu.**

We need *you* for this project; please join us if you can. Few of us live without the benefits or harms of racial injustice. This is a chance for you to connect to the community and learn how you might help “to form a more perfect Union.”

SUPPLY NEEDS AT COMMUNITY: Currently in need of **baby items** (diapers & wipes). Larger sizes of diapers tend to be more popular among our clients. Please feel free to drop off any donations of these items to the Pepperwood food bank location. CommUnity is also in need of containers to be used for repackaging dog food. A good example of containers that work well are empty Folger's coffee containers. Lastly, CommUnity is in need of nonperishable, easy to open, microwavable food items. Some good examples may include:

- pop top canned goods
- microwavable pasta cups
- microwavable soups
- microwavable rice
- etc.

INSIDE OUT REENTRY COMMUNITY PRESENTS UNHEARD VOICES, a forum to discuss the hidden impacts of incarceration and reentry on children, partners, and family members. These groups often face challenges finding support for their situation, as well as the effects of the societal stigma surrounding incarceration. The event includes a panel of service providers who will discuss programming and support groups for these families and children, as well as a panel of individuals who have been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one. This event discusses available opportunities and identifies gaps in support for these unheard voices. April 22, 2021 12:00 PM Register [here](#).

THE TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES IOWA CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. The board comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sector who are dedicated to creating opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their stories and products to our marketplace through fair-trading, ethically sourced, long-term relationships. Serving on the Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for persons passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in the

nonprofit sector. Email iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com to see what board involvement entails and how to apply.

THE CONSULTATION OF RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR A NEW COORDINATOR FOR THE JOHNSON COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK. Without a coordinator in place in a timely manner, this event will not be happening again in 2021.

Below is a concise overview of our community's CROP Walk, including information about the coordinator and team responsibilities. Please review this as you prayerfully consider stepping forward to fill these key roles.

CROP Walk Coordinator and Team Responsibilities

The coordinator and team are responsible for:

1. Setting the date.
2. Setting a date and location for the rally. This is usually about 6 weeks prior to the walk. reps from the various churches can pick up their collection envelopes (tho CWS would now prefer that donations be made online) There are also brochures, posters etc to help advertise the CROP Walk. Sunday School materials can also be ordered. I did a project with our SS kids each year to get them excited about CROP We have had the rally at two locations to make it easier for team leaders. The supplies are all available online and are no cost. I have lots left form this year.
3. Apply for a walk permit from the city. This too can be done online. They require a map of the walk route. I have a copy. The walk has begun at the building where Free Lunch is served and ends up there as well 911 Gilbert Court. They have been very generous in allowing us to be inside before and after the walk if the weather is not good.
4. Apply for insurance. This also is done online and is provided by CWS.

CROP has a new theme every 1-2 years, but basically, we are walking to help stop hunger. 25% of money raised goes directly to the Comm Unity Food Bank in Iowa City.

For further information and to volunteer please contact Barb Lang at: bj60lange@q.com or 319-351-3762.