



Monroe United Methodist Church

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Rev. Randy Booth, pastor

April 8, 2018 9:30Worship

ADORATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus – Easter’s not over! Perhaps the flowers are drooping or the chocolate is stale; but there’s more to Easter than flowers and candy. I will never stop celebrating the resurrection. Please keep your loving deeds fresh in my heart at all times. Amen.

PRELUDE Finlandia Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robyn Essler

KING OF KINGS Sophie Conty and Naomi Batya

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory Hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory Hallelujah!

Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!

Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!

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COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

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1. Come people of the risen King,
who delight to bring him praise,
come all and tune your heart to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

3. Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through ev’ry age;
our God is all in all.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Who Was St Paul?
MEET & GREET

CHRIST HAS RISEN John Bell, ©1988 WGRG

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died;
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can’t be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

Confession

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father,

Jesus has burst forth from the tomb and gone ahead of
us into the world. He waits to meet us as we take

his grace to the hardest places.
But we try to lock him in our churches,
conforming him to our habits,
display him to outsiders as we see fit,
celebrate holidays about him,
not with him or for him,
or take him along on pious excursions
as if he belonged to us.
How pathetic! How arrogant! How futile!
Forgive our condescension. Let us receive the
fullness of new life on Christ's terms, not ours.
Let us be energized beyond the holiday for
resurrection living all our days. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER

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**You're the word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice;
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!
You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

**Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea;
Yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.
You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

**With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.
You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Thanksgiving & Supplication

EPISTLE READING 1 John 1:1-2:2, NLT

The one who existed from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of life. This one who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and announce to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was shown to us. We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy will be complete.

This is the message he has given us to announce to you: God is light and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness. We are not living in the truth. But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely. He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of the whole world

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-29, The Message

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

SEE, WHAT A MORNING

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See, what a morning, gloriously bright

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.

Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light

as the angels announce Christ is risen.

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,

borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,

fulfilled in Christ the man.

For he lives! Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"

**As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb,
hears a voice speaking, calling her name.**

It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again.

The voice that spans the years, speaking life,

stirring hope, bringing peace to us,

will sound till he appears.

For he lives! Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,

through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise

to the King crowned with power and authority.

And we are raised with him, death is dead,

love has won, Christ has conquered.

And we shall reign with him.

For he lives! Christ is risen from the dead!

DEPART WITH BLESSING



We do not "pass the plates" during the 9:30 service. To make a donation to the church, the offering plates are by the doors.

April Stewardship Message

God knows when we are generous with our money,
and when we make excuses
to keep our money to ourselves.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17

Communion At Monroe United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited, no matter your church membership. Our founder John Wesley said that sometimes it's in taking communion that people experience grace and want to follow Jesus.

We use grape juice instead of wine.

Pastor Randy has gluten-free wafers for communion.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, notify an usher who will in turn notify the communion servers to go to you.