



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



First Church in Windsor, UCC
April 4, 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The tomb is empty!
Two: Sound the trumpet!
One: The Lord is risen!
Two: Sound the trumpet!
One: Christ leads us on the road of life.
Two: Sound the trumpet and make a joyful noise!
One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Two: Christ is here. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Music from Lyra Davidica
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**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we gather to marvel at the mystery of Christ's resurrection. In boldness, you exalted the humble and empowered the weak. In strength, you snatched victory from the jaws of death. In love, you declared your crucified son Jesus, the savior of the world. We celebrate the good news in Easter, and we join together in praise on this glad day. Amen.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Musical Offering

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Words and music by Rick Founds

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Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

¹⁶ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

“The Story that Launched a Movement”

Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

French traditional

Words by John Crum

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**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

In the Bulb there is a Flower
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**In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Elements

Communion Response

Come Share the Lord
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for this supper, shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Thine be the Glory
Music by G. F. Handel
Words by Edmund L. Budry
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**Thine is the glory, resurrected one!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where your body lay.
Thine is the glory, resurrected one!**

**Endless is the victory you o'er death have 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 our Lord is living, death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, resurrected one!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

**No more we doubt you, glorious prince of life,
Life is nought without you, aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through your deathless love,
Bring us safe through Jordan, to your home above.
Thine is the glory, resurrected one!
Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.**

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