



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

First Church in Windsor, UCC

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Lord of the Dance
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**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen and the Lord is here.

People: Christ is risen and the Spirit is with us. Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen for God has worked miracles and wonders.

People: Christ is risen in glory forever. Alleluia!

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

People: And also with you!

*You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave to each other as a sign of graceful greetings
this day*

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Music from Lyra Davidica

Words by Charles Wesley

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**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, 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!**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation! You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Come and dance with us, dazzle us with your brilliance, move us to wakefulness – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. 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

Anthem

Glory to the Risen Lamb

Words by Jean Anne Shafferman

Music by Lloyd Larson

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Children's Moment

Scripture

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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"Called by Name"

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.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Glory, Glory Hallelujah
African-American spiritual
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**Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.
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Announcements

If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

*Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Words by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring
Music by George J. Elvey
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**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless Lord through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

*Benediction

Postlude

Easter Anthem
By William Billings
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Performed by the First Church Choir

*Please stand as you are able
Bolded Font to be read by all