



Easter Sunrise Service

April 12, 2020

Whitney United Methodist Church
Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Opening Words

Easter sunrise services play with the image of the sun rising and bringing light into our day. Easter sunrise services remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of Christ, in the power of the resurrection, overcame the darkness of sin and death. We will begin this service bringing that light into the room.

Lighting of the candle

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death! Let the people say **Christ is our light!**

I invite you to light your candle bringing the light of Christ into this early morning.

Scripture Matthew 28:1-11

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Response

Christ is Risen!

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Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer O Holy God, Christ is Risen and we shout hosanna, hallelujah! In the newness of this day, as the light breaks through the darkness, raise our spirits O God, from the darkness that we have been living in this past month. May we feel you walk with us in the light of this Easter morning. Thank you for allowing us to see what your redeeming love has done. Remind us on this glad Easter morning that Jesus is not just risen

from the dead, but walking alongside us. Help us to know the deep wonder and joy that the women at the tomb experienced. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen

Sermon— “There is nothing to fear here.” Rev. Christina

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

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There is also a donation link on the email that came with this service which will get you directly to the website.

Closing Hymn--- “In Christ Alone” (words on the back)

Sending Forth

May Christ, the light of the world, who is risen from the dead, shed his light on each of us in the joy of this early morning.

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Remember we will gather at 10 am to share the Easter morning worship with our bishop. There will be a link on our Whitney Facebook pages and on email that will come at 9:45 this morning to link you to that service.

In Christ Alone by Stewart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme or plan Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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