



*Whitefish United  
Methodist Church  
Welcomes You*

*Rejoice in the Resurrection of  
our Lord!*



**PRELUDE** Allen Slater

**GREETING**

Leader: "Christ is risen."

All: "**Christ is risen indeed!**"

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*
- 2. Hail the day that sees the King, Alleluia! Hail the day that sees the King, Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*
- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On Easter morning, the women found the tomb was empty.

**People: And they were afraid.**

Leader: Until the risen Jesus made himself known to them.

**People: And then the world changed. Then our world changed.**

Leader: Even death and the tomb could not defeat the love of God.

**People: God's power and God's love cannot be broken, not even by death.**

Leader: Our hope is in the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

**People: Our hope is in the Resurrection. New Life has begun.**

Leader: Christ is Risen indeed!

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Bell Choir, Songs, and Easter Lambs

**\*SONG**

"Christ Has Risen"

No. 2115

*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 blessings; 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 to companion former friends who fear the night, sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright. They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.*

*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.*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

God of the Risen Christ, you love us so much as to raise Jesus from the tomb. In you we find only life and grace. You grant us peace in Christ. You give us forgiveness of sin. You welcome us back – without strings of condition – when we have been faithless. Bring us your peace and lead us to forgive others. We thank you for the new life you offer us that hope and love may rule our lives. Help us to offer ourselves without fear so that your mercy and peace may be realized in our world. May we know the risen Christ today and always, through the power of your Spirit.

**THE LORDS' PRAYER** *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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Come to Me”

Choir

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\*SONG**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

No. 327

*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 King 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 peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Simple Song” – Bernstein

April Vogel

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:1-8

**MEDITATION**

“Merry Easter”

**\*CLOSING**

“He Lives”

No. 310

*I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world to-day; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he’s always near.*

**Refrain:** *He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives to-day! He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

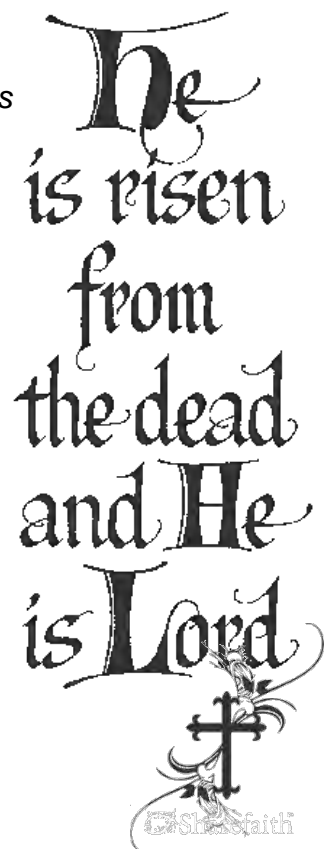
*In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. Repeat Refrain.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. Repeat Refrain.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*Please stand as the Spirit leads you, or sit if you are more comfortable.**

**\*Hearing assistance devices are now available – please ask the usher for one.**



If you are visiting with us today we would like to know you better. Please take the time to introduce yourself to the pastor and receive a visitor packet. Thank you!