

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes & Bill Hughes (French Horn)

Call to Worship (*from "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH #322*)

Leader: Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my savior,

People: Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

Leader: Up from the grave he arose!

People: Up from the grave he arose!

ALL: JESUS LIVES! HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

**Hymn #302 (UMH)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

verses 1-4

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. **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, 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!**
4. **Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Unison Prayer

To you, O God, be the glory this Easter day! The stone removed, the grave empty, wounded feet wandering the garden -- Jesus is alive! It's the death of death! The beginning of eternity! Fill us to overflowing with your Easter joy, that we may boldly proclaim, along with the angels, "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!" Alleluia! Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Konrad Soong

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. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for

as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #314 (UMH)

In the Garden

1. **I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

(Refrain): And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. **He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)**
3. **I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me befalling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)**

Children's Message

Message

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

**Hymn #318 (UMH)

Christ Is Alive

1. **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**
2. **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.**
3. **Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**
4. **In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.**

5. **Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

****Affirmation of Faith (Modern)**

I Believe in Easter

I believe in Easter, in the truth of the empty tomb, in the Risen Christ who walks with us still today. I believe in impossibilities, in God's amazing grace, in God turning everything upside-down for good. I believe in miracles, big and small, noticed and unnoticed, though I pledge to notice more. I believe in good over evil, love over judgment, hope born out of despair. I believe in Easter, and as such, I will look for and live in joy. Amen.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's 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.

Announcements

The Offering of Our Gifts

****Doxology #95 (UMH)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, bless these gifts, and use them to your glory, that they may assist in the spreading of the good news of God. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Amen.

****Hymn #322 (UMH)**

Up from the Grave He Arose

1. **Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

(Refrain): Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. **Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)**

3. **Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)**

****Blessing**



An Easter Egg Hunt for our children will be held in the courtyard immediately following this service.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. You are always welcome here! To be added to our email list, ask questions, request pastoral care, or explore the possibility of membership, contact the church office at umcofnewcity@gmail.org or call (845) 634-1758.

Sunday School for children pre-k (potty trained) through 6th grade is held during the worship service, directly following the Children's Message. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

For online giving, please visit our website at newcityumc.org

Our thrift shop, Angel's Attic, is open Saturdays 9am-2pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

We are a Reconciling Church; we fully love and accept ALL, including LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

Our Mission Statement is "Serving God through Serving Our Community."

**Indicates to please stand, if you are comfortable doing so. 'UMH' = The United Methodist Hymnal (red); 'TFWS' = The Faith We Sing (black). Both are available by the ushers.

May you go in Christ's peace, assured of God's love.