

**Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide**  
**April 17, 2022 @ 10 AM**  
**Resurrection "Easter" Sunday**

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**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**A Song of Praise**

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, UMH #302***

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!

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!

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!

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!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

**Call to Worship:**

Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!  
**Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!**  
Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!  
**We can proclaim with great confidence that**  
**God's love rules.**  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

**A Time for Children with Martha Gill**

**A Song of Centering**

***Up from the Grave He Arose, UMH #322***

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!***

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

**Prayers of the People**

**A Time of Giving with Special Music**

***Redeemer by Carrie McCune***

**Doxology**

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.

### **Song of Preparation**

#### ***Because He Lives, UMH #364***

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

#### **Refrain:**

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!***

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He  
Lives! [Refrain]

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!  
[Refrain]

#### **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 [NRSV]**

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This Is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Message**

***DEATH IS DEFEATED; JESUS IS OUR ONLY HOPE***

### **A Song of Invitation**

#### ***He Lives, UMH #310***

I serve a risen Savior  
He's in the world today  
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 today  
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 [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 [Refrain]

#### **The Blessing with *The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you  
make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

#### **Postlude**