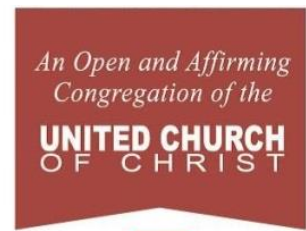


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## EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 12, 2020

### THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

The Church Bell

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

OPENING SONG *Were You There?*

*Refrain:* O, sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

V1: Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry? (repeat)

V2: Were you there, when Christ rose up from the tomb? (repeat)

V3: We were there Easter morning, Allelu! (repeat)

SILENCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

One: O God, early in the morning, when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

One: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you  
were one of us.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

One: Early in the morning, surrounded by self-interested religious leaders,  
anxious statesmen and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God;  
you shouldered and suffered the cross.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

One: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard  
and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,  
that you have come back to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

**All:** O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired,  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted,  
forgiveness where we have wounded,  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit  
where we are prisoners of ourselves.

—Silent prayer—

**One:** To all and to each, where regret is real,  
God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## PASSING THE PEACE

*During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives,  
and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Here Comes the Sun*  
Simon Jorgenson, guitar

by George Harrison

## \* OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.  
Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.  
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light, Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.  
Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Am Amazing*, by Linnea Good  
For the Children's Choir, led by Laura Elder-Connors,  
Maggie Elder-Connors and Zach Kelley

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

## THE WORD

Mark 16:1-8

Adrien Mtambala

*When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they*

entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## WORD OF GOD FOR ALL AGES

### \* EASTER ACCLAMATION

Leader: Christ is risen.	People: Alleluia.
Leader: Christ is risen!	People: Alleluia!
Leader: Christ is risen, indeed!	People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Dona nobis pacem</i>	TRADITIONAL
	Asa Jorgenson, <i>percussion</i> , with Zach Kelley	

SERMON	<i>He's Not Here</i>
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* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	<i>I Come to the Garden Alone</i>	NCH 237
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## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### SILENT PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS	Susan Saunders
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### CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY	<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	G.F. Handel
	Drew, Ethan and Paul Hobbs, <i>brass trio</i>	

You are invited to use this time to make your gifts electronically. This morning's offering will go to the church, with 10% tithed as a Mission Offering to Justice for All.

Give online: <https://onrealm.org/FirstChurchBurlington/-/give/now>

Text FCCBUCC to 73256 to give a gift to FCCB using your text messaging.

Standard text message rates apply.

You can also write a check and mail it to 38 S. Winooski, Burlington, VT 05401.

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

\* SERVICE OF ANOINTING

\* CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia! Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!*

*Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia! Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!*

*There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia! Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!*

*This the news the angel gives, Alleluia! That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!*

*"Hasten now to Galilee" Alleluia! "Tell the others what you see!" Alleluia!*

*With excitement trembling, Alleluia! Off they run, good news to bring, Alleluia!*

\* READING

*Seen, by Jan Richardson*

Elise Polli

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Jeremiah Rankin

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\* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*





## EASTER OFFERINGS 2020



Donations to our 2020 Easter Offering will be devoted (90%) to the First Church operating budget - providing vital support to all of the ministries of First Church.

The balance of the offering (10%) will support the mission of a Vermont non-profit selected by our Mission Team: *Justice for All*, an organization working for equity and against racism in our region and state.



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