



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.



For Children: Please feel free to attend services with your children. For the safety of the children, staff and volunteers ERUCC will not be providing childcare during services until further notice. Your children are welcome to bring their own quiet activities, no materials will be provided. Please take ALL personal items with you after the service.

We have removed all items from the pew racks for your safety. Music selections will be provided within this bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary, Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

God of the morning is with us as we gather with songs of praise.

Here we find respite from a busy, frenetic world.

We gather in this place finding the peace that God offers.

We are more at home within ourselves when we find our rest in Christ.

We are witnesses to God's glory, steadfast love, and faithfulness.

We see the beauty of creation and sing praises of joy!

We abide in God's love and keep God's commandments.

Today, we awaken to the call, and show up fully to love one another.

Come, let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

God of light and life,

we gather as witnesses to your abundant love.

We are amazed to discover you anew through our prayers, our praise, and our offerings.

God, you encourage us amidst our daily living to become stewards of your love and grace.

We ask you to be here with us as we witness your love made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One*

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God, we are often busy.

We busy ourselves with quick responses and neat appearance.

We get caught in the flow of hectic pace and too quickly give up opportunities to be still and know you.

God, forgive us when we become so busy we forget to pray.

Forgive us when we are so enthralled by devices and gadgets that we forget to look up and take notice.

We fail to notice our neighbours.

We fail to notice the needs of others.

Forgive us when we are so saturated by the news that we shut down completely, we forget that we are called to be your servants, your witnesses here and now.

Wake us up to the work of love at hand.

Forgive us when we choose apathy over attention, when become hyper-vigilant in getting what we want that we forget to attend with care to those we meet and greet throughout our days.

We neglect to see the humanity in our fellow companions.

Forgive us when we falter. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God knows our hearts. When we gather and ask for forgiveness, God forgives. Friends, be at peace; our sins are forgiven.

Thought For the Day

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, for ever. Amen.

The Scripture

Acts 3: 12-19

Luke 24:36b-48

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Tithes , Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

***Anthem** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

- R. Cull, arr. J. Schrader
ERUCC Singers

***Closing Hymn** *The Strife Is O'er*

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* **Benediction**

Go now having laid down your burdens.
Go with a freer spirit standing tall.
Go to proclaim God's message of justice, grace, and love.
Go pointed toward purpose knowing you have
a church home
that welcomes you fully and completely.
Go to love deeply and show great care.
Go now in peace and love.

Amen.

***Postlude**



Every Sunday at 10:30

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bziah0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

Want to listen to the sermon again? Visit our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w

You can get to the link on our homepage at www.erucc.org

Worship Notes: Today's prayers are from Seasons of the Spirit.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Darryl Glick and Mark Ulrich for those whose lives have been affected by COVID and in honor of the ERUCC COVID Support Group

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Jack Day and Peter Brehm.

Worship Next Week: April 25 *Love in Truth and Action*

John 10:11-18 "I know my own and my own know me."

Jesus identifies himself in terms that people of his day and culture could understand – "I am the good shepherd." Being a good shepherd is linked to knowing the sheep and laying down one's life for the sheep.

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dianc - e rolled the stone a -
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

1 Cor. 15:53-57

Latin, c. 1695

Transl. Francis Pott, 1861; alt.

Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
 le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
 sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! to Refrain

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

Luke 24:36b-48

Christ Among Us

Earth Day is coming up this Thursday. Has your church explored what it might mean to be a Creation Justice Church? You can find out more at the website: https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches.

*“As we learn in the opening pages of Genesis, our first calling as people of faith is to care for God's creation. Whether it is taking on the climate crises or addressing the lead poisoning of children, environmental justice ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now.

If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then environmental justice ministry should undoubtedly be an integral strand in any church's DNA. The UCC's Creation Justice Church program aims to help you do just that. Here are some of the tremendous features and benefits of doing the program:

- Congregations collectively discern their high calling to care for creation and seek justice for the oppressed.
- Congregations make a commitment so serious and so sacred that it necessitates talking about God's covenant with us and with all of creation.
- Congregations not only become recognized as “green.” They become a part of a larger network of churches and a larger movement to change the world.
- Congregations engage in critical thinking about the socioeconomic dimensions of environmental justice such as race, class, and global inequality.
- Congregations foster a deeper sense of connection: connection to God, to each other, and to the world in which we live.
- Congregations unleash their imagination and creativity as a sense of purpose propels them to make a difference.”

*(https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches)



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