



FIND HOPE THIS

EASTER



First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto
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Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

Easter Celebration Service

Prelude Saraband (*for the Morning of Easter*) Herbert Howells
Diane Keller, organist

Overture from *The Messiah* George Frederic Handel
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Introit Christ is Risen, O Be Joyful! Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship Hope and Faith Crockett

Praise God for the brightness and color

The darkness has been overcome. Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest fear, death.

He is risen from the dead. ALLELUIA!

Sing your praises to the Lord!

For God has given to us new life! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Opening Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today No. 302, v. 1-3, 5
Congregation, Organ, Brass, Timpani

**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!**

**5. 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!**

Children' Moment Easter Message Reverend Ann Duncan

Choral Anthem Laudate Jehovam, Omnes Gentes Georg Philipp Telemann
Chancel Choir with Fiume di Musica and Organ

Prayers of the People

Hope Crockett

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
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.**

Passing of the Peace

Hope Crockett

Sung Response

Christ Is Risen

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

Anthem

Most Glorious Lord of Life

Eleanor Daley

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

Pam Cutkosky

Sermon

Find Hope This Easter

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Diane Keller, Organist

No. 311, v. 1

Invitation to the Offering

Bud Butrell

We welcome you now to give your tithes and offerings to the work of the church. We are grateful for your gifts that ensure the on-going ministry of our congregation. You may give by clicking the link on our church website. You may also download the Ministry One app, search First UMC Palo Alto and give directly from your phone. You may also mail a check to the church. The mailing address is on our website. We thank you in advance.

Let us pray:

Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money to empower our work with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your Incarnate Love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. Amen

Offertory

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Organ and Joe Amaral, trumpet

Johann Cruger

Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

No. 312 vs., 1-4

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

3 Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

2 There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

4 Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!

Anthem

To the Lamb on the Throne
Chancel Choir, Brass Quintet & Organ

Dan Forrest

Closing Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

No. 327, v. 1-4

1. 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.

3. 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.

2. 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.

4. 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.

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah Chorus *from the Messiah*

George Frederic Handel

Congregational chorus with Fiume di Musica, organ, brass quintet & timpani

*Postlude

Organ Symphony No. 1, Op. 14: VI. Final
Diane Keller, Organist

Louis Vierne







