

Call to Worship: Luke 24:1-6

Singing: Christ the Lord is Risen Today! #277

Tune available here (although the words are different): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids his 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 thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18

Singing: See What a Morning

(Music available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhNG8kA7Z_4)

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
2. See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
This voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Prayers of Petition: Below is a guide for a prayer of petition. Feel free to add prayer requests of your own.

- Praise God that the English Bible Study led by Helen and Johannes met online this week with the international students from the University in Mainz and young professionals from our church. Pray for wisdom and guidance for them as they lead this group.
- Praise God for good health.
- Praise God that we can still buy food and other necessities.
- Praise God for the birth of Samuel Apolòn born to Corina Sociacu and Patrick Loesch. Both mother and child are healthy!

- Pray for Nora's father, whose health is swiftly declining. Pray for his salvation, and strength for Nora as she ministers and cares for him during this difficult time.
- Pray for Mike and Kristin Leeman with Baby Cecelia, for wisdom and guidance as they prepare to move back to the U.S.
- Pray that this virus will be contained, that the rate of infection will decrease, and that a vaccine will be found soon.
- Pray for the protection of the most vulnerable among us and for those who may be exposed to the virus especially those working long hours and healing for those who may already have it.
- Pray for wisdom for our leaders and other officials who are making decisions regarding the pandemic.
- Pray for people who have lost their jobs and income, especially the poorest like those in 3rd World countries, that God will provide for their needs.
- Pray for those who have lost friends and family members, that God will comfort them.
- Pray for the medical professionals exposed to the virus as they treat patients and that they will have everything they need.
- Pray for other essential workers who are being exposed to the virus.
- Pray that we would minister to one another.
- Pray that our faith will stay strong knowing that Christ is Risen and has conquered death!
- Pray that we will experience God's peace in the midst of a very difficult situation and be ready to give an answer for our peace and hope in Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would use this time to draw many to Himself!

Sermon: One Spirit, One Hope Ephesians 4:4

I. One Spirit

II. One Hope

Quote from C. S. Lewis' Mere Christianity on Hope:

"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most for the next. The Apostles themselves, who set foot on the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither. It seems a strange rule, but something like it can be seen at work in other matters. Health is a great blessing, but the moment you make health one of your main, direct objects you start becoming a crank and imagining there is something wrong with you. You are only likely to get health provided you want other things more – food, games, work, fun, open air. In the same way, we shall never save civilization as long as civilization is our main object. We must learn to want something even more."