

SCRIPTURE READING:

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

Reader: These are words from the scriptures we love

CONG: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Hallelujah" - Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration

MESSAGE: "God is in Control"

CLOSING HYMN: Because He Lives (Gaither & Gaither)

1. 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!

Chorus: 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!

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because
He lives!

Chorus: 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!**

3. 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!

Chorus

BENEDICTION

L: Go, with the Easter joy deep within your hearts

ALL: Thanks be to God

L: Go, with the message of hope that Easter brings

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L: Go, certain that in time and beyond time, in life, in death in life beyond death, God is in control and will never leave you.

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CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine upon you
And be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

April 1, 2018
10:30 am



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MUSIC DIRECTOR
Nicholas Morvay

MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

**EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**

April 1, 2018

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL DANCE: "Worthy is the Lamb"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life.

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

One: Christ has risen from the dead.

All: He has risen indeed.

One: Hallelujah.

All: Hallelujah, this day and always!

OPENING HYMN VU155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

OPENING PRAYER

L: Creator God, you spoke and out of chaos came creation and out of darkness came light. When Christ was resurrected and out of death came life. Praise and honour and blessing be to you O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and always.

ALL: Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave, and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we still remain captive to fear and

are bound to ways of being that lead to narrow living. We hide in tombs of indifference and seek comfort rather than justice. By clinging to hurt, resentment, and disappointment, we refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Sometimes our fears even prevent us from living fully and abundantly. Forgive us, O God, and restore our joy, hope and courage to live the life of meaning and love for which you died. Amen.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children come forward)**

CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)

Birthday Song (tune Happy Birthday)

Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true.

May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together
(Bob Gillman)

Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU 443 God, We Pray at This Beginning (verses 1 and 2)

INFANT BAPTISM: James Morvay

Congregation's Response (when prompted during ceremony): *With*

God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ. We will make ourselves available to give nurture and support. We pray that the steadfast love of the Lord will surround the family and keep them in the faith that leads to eternal life.

VU 443 God, We Pray at This Beginning
(sing verse 1 as the children leave)

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: Today we remember we are brought together through God's grace and Jesus' love. We are the beneficiaries of abundant blessings. In grateful response, we gather our offering.

**OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 179
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Jesus gave all he had, and he continues to give. Let our generosity be a spiritual sacrifice that transforms the world, just as Jesus' giving transformed our lives. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU617 I Love You Lord

L: Break into your church and into congregations:

P: Where your people are distracted by old quarrels, meaningless diversions, loss of the desire for mission and service or by idolatry of practice and thought; resurrect, renew and revive your church;

L: Break into our relationships with one another.

P: Where they are vibrant and life-giving nurture them; where they are divided by old hurts, misunderstandings, carelessness, or taken for granted; resurrect, renew and revive our life together;

L: Break into the governance of your world

P: Stir the minds and hearts of leaders so that they will work for justice and equitable sharing; where laws are corrupt, people suffer at the hands of harsh rules and legislation; resurrect, renew and revive the leaders of the world;

L: Break into situations of illness, pain, grief, and loss:

P: Where people are sick in body, mind or spirit and where people mourn the loss of any relationship or dream; resurrect, renew and revive our lives;

L: Break into moments of celebration and joy:

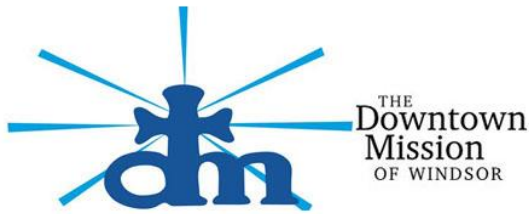
P: Give us gratitude, the impulse to share, and a spirit of grace and understanding; resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits;

L: Break into the circumstances, places, and lives that we name them now. My prayer is...

L: resurrect, renew and revive your people;

ALL: Hear our prayer O Lord and grant us your peace. Amen

ANTHEM: "The Day of Resurrection" by Benjamin Harlan



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