

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**We Love Jesus by Serving Others**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Contemporary Praise Worship**  
10:30 AM | April 18, 2021

Serving in Worship

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Jay Shailer

**Assisting Minister:** Jane Lane

**Praise Team:** Scott Watamaniuk, Bill Norman, Dick Lane, Riel St. Amand  
Michele Borns, Allison Crews, Carlin Heimann

**Sound/Slides:** Spencer Watamaniuk & Natalie Heimann

**Live stream:** Ryan Pearson & Drew Simon

**Ushers:** David Huber

**Check-in:** Jon & Heather Tyson

**PRELUDE:** *ALL MY FOUNTAINS*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG:** *RISE UP*

1. In the dark and all alone  
Growing comfortable  
Are you too scared to move  
And walk out of this tomb  
Buried underneath the lies that you believed  
Safe and sound stuck in the ground  
Too lost to be found  
You're just asleep  
And it's time to leave

**Chorus**

*Come on and rise up  
Take a breath, you're alive now  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
Out from the grave like Lazarus  
You're brand new  
The power of death couldn't hold you  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
Out from the grave like Lazarus  
Rise up, rise up, rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus*

2. When He said your name  
The thing that filled your veins  
Was more than blood  
It's the kind of love that washes sin away  
Now the door is open wide  
And the stone's been rolled aside  
The old is gone, the light has come so **(Chorus)**

**Bridge**

He's calling us to walk out of the dark  
He's giving us new resurrected hearts **(Repeat bridge)(Chorus)**

## PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### SONG OF PRAISE: *CHRIST IS RISEN*

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
For I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

2. The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything has changed

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

#### **Bridge**

O, death where is your sting  
O, fear where is your power  
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you  
Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours  
O, praise His name forever

#### **Chorus**

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

*And all throughout eternity*

*Our song will be the same*

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

3. And on the day You call me in  
To heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars Your open arms  
The beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy  
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise  
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave **(Bridge)**

#### **Chorus 2**

*Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave*

4. And on the day You call me in  
To heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars Your open arms  
The beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy  
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise  
Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the grave

#### **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN/ASK THE PASTOR – ROSIE SWANSON**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL SONG: Here's My Heart**

**Chorus**

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found, I am Yours

I am loved, I'm made pure

I have life, I can breathe

I am healed, I am free **(Chorus)**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: PASTOR JAY SHAILER**

## NICENE CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SONG OF THE DAY: *Death Was Arrested*

1. Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began
2. Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Chorus

*Oh, Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You*

3. Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began **(Chorus)**
4. Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began **(Chorus)**

### Bridge

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began **(Repeat Bridge)**  
When death was arrested and my life began  
When death was arrested and my life began

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(after each petition...)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: Lord God, we offer to you a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your hand. All that we can share with others, we do through Jesus' love. We offer these gifts so that others may have joy and know the resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **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 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION SONG: *IN CHRIST ALONE***

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All-in-All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry, to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: O Lord, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

## SENDING SONG: MY REDEEMER LIVES

1. I know He rescued my soul  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe, I believe
2. My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe, I believe  
I'll raise a banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

### Chorus

*My Redeemer lives*

*My Redeemer lives*

*My Redeemer lives*

*My Redeemer lives (Repeat from beginning)(Chorus)*

### Bridge

You lift my burdens

I'll rise with You

I'm dancing on this mountaintop

To see Your kingdom come **(Chorus x2)**

## DISMISSAL

L: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

**Please take a few moments to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few extra minutes to allow for your interaction.**

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## Parish Notes

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**Recently hospitalized:** Laura Kermes, Sally Beals, Sandy Schwartzwalder

**Congratulations to** Tim & Diane Ivory on the birth of their granddaughters, Emma Mae Ivory, born to Andrew & Nicole, and Eleanor June Ivory, born to Evan & Kristin.

### **Epiphany transition**

- Thank you to everyone for sharing their thoughts and dreams for Epiphany. Your feedback is very important to Congregation Council as we discern our path forward. Please send your thoughts to [transitions@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:transitions@epiphanydayton.org).

**Bible Study Opportunities:** New! For more information, go to [epiphanydayton.org/bible-studies](http://epiphanydayton.org/bible-studies). Please note that current health protocols remain in place, so we continue to require masks on Epiphany grounds for in-person studies.

- Justice or Just Us Study:  
Far Hills Celebration Center: Wednesdays, April 21-May 12, 7 PM

Join us for a four-week series of short videos and related discussions led by Pr. Larry Hoffsis, Jim Evans, Mary Moenter, and Joan Durham. The video series is based on a sermon series and anti-racism commitment at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. We ask that you indicate interest by registering online, but you are welcome to attend even if you don't register.

- Tuesday Afternoon Zoom Study:  
Beginning April 13, 11 AM

The Zoom Bible Study that was previously meeting on Wednesdays will begin meeting on TUESDAYS at 11 a.m. beginning April 13. Bob Ransbottom will facilitate the study, which will be based on the coming Sunday's worship scripture: <https://zoom.us/j/97190298541>. All are welcome!

- Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study:  
Far Hills Campus: Beginning April 14, 10 AM

Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study resumes April 14 at 10 a.m. Phyllis Scholp will be leading a four-week study on the Resurrection Narratives. All Epiphany women and their friends are welcome to attend!

- Saturday Morning Men's Group:  
Saturday, 9 AM

Saturday Men's Group continues to meet via zoom. All men are welcome to join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4515605122?pwd=SU5oNHN6QzByUVVRRXFhbWlrOUUpDUT09>.