An Order of Worship for April 12, 2020

*Take a moment to center your heart on Jesus Christ. If you have a candle, light it in your worship space to remind you of God’s presence close to you.*

Open your worship by reading or singing Christ the Lord is Risen Today:

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!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following 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 heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!

Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!

Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Let’s go to God in Prayer:

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Read Matthew 28:1-10

Read or Sing He Lives:

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today

I know that He is living, whatever men may say

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer

And just the time I need Him He's always near

(Refrain)

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast The day of His appearing will come at last (Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find None other is so loving, so good and kind (Refrain)

Take a moment to give thanks to God for your blessings this week.

Read or Sing our Doxology Hymn:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Read John 11:1-7,11-26

Pastor Matt was still working on the sermon at the time of this mailing. The sermon will be put in the mail Saturday afternoon.

Take time to write down any prayer concerns you have for this week. Take time to pray for these concerns. Also, please pray for wisdom and discernment for leaders within the church, and for the health and safety of all of God’s children amid this Coronavirus outbreak.

End your prayer time with the Lord’s Prayer.

Close your worship today by singing or reading In the Garden (If you are not familiar with this hymn, choose your favorite hymn to close your time with God)

1. I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

3. I’d stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)