



# Kairos-Milwaukie United Church of Christ

While it was still dark.  
While it was still night.  
While she could not see.  
While she thought death held sway.  
While she grieved.  
While she wept.  
While it was still dark      resurrection began.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP EASTER 2020

### GATHERING MUSIC

Lily Brashears

Silence your phone  
pour a cup of water, tea, or coffee  
light a candle  
breathe.

WELCOME, announcements and tech adjustments.

### OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, giver of new life, we come this morning without our usual Easter banners and trumpets and choir, but with alleluias on our lips and hope in our hearts. We come to worship because we long to know again that Jesus Christ is indeed raised from the dead; because we hope that the resurrection will enter our own lives, to transform them, and we come because through Christ's spirit we have been given each other to love. Be present with us we pray, as miracle, mystery and the tender hands of grace. Amen.**

### HYMN

My Shepherd is the Living God

Ian Timmons

*My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;  
In pastures fair near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*



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*The Sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go –  
O more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

LIBERATING WORD

The Ancient Testimony  
Jeremiah 31: 1- 6

Will Fuller

Listen for the Word of God from the Prophet Jeremiah —

At that time, says the LORD,  
I will be the God of all the families of Israel,  
and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:  
The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to them from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

HYMN

I Come to the Garden Alone

Ian Timmons

*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.  
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.*



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LIBERATING WORD

The Gospel Testimony  
John 20: 1- 18

Ethelyn Pankratz

Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel According to John —

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

REFLECTION

While it Was Still Dark

Pastor Jeanne



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF JESUS

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.*

Ian Timmons

*Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.*

*Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.*

Please feel free to unmute your zoom connection and share your joys and concerns

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.*

*Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.*

**Our father, our Mother, in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth**

**As it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**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.**

SENDING SONG

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Ian Timmons

*Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!*

*Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!*

*Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!*

*Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!*

*Where, O death is now your sting? Alleluia!*

*Dying once, Christ lives to save. Alleluia!*

*Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!*

*Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids Christ rise. Alleluia!*

*God has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!*

*Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!*

*Made like Christ, like Christ we rise. Alleluia!*

*Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

BLESSING

Pastor Jeanne