



First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo

April 7, 2024
10:00 AM

ACTS 4:32-35 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

212 S Park St
Kalamazoo, MI
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** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

First Strings

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (praying responsively)

Rev. John Boley

One: Christ is risen

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: We gather on this Second Sunday of Easter still reeling with excitement for an empty tomb

All: **We journey with the disciples hoping, anticipating, that the resurrected Christ will meet us here**

One: Here we will share the bread that is Christ's body and the cup of forgiveness

All: **Here, by the grace found in this worship our stories will be woven with God's story**

One: It is a story of God's newness; new life, new hope, new justice; in Christ all things are made new.

All: **This is good news! Easter people let us raise our voices to proclaim the story that Christ is Risen Indeed!**

***OPENING HYMN #304** *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

(UMH- red hymnal)

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Weiler

CALL TO CONFESSION -

Jesus's resurrection from the dead assures us that we too have been given new life. Let us repent of our sins before God and one another in the certainty of God's grace and mercy.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity.

We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown yourself to us O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE & FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Kline

On the same day in which Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, breathed on them and said, "Peace be with you." May we all feel the breath of Christ upon us today, may we know that in this breath we are forgiven, and we are given peace. In the hope of this good news let us rise in body or in spirit and share the Peace of Christ with one another.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:32-35 & 1 John 1:1-2:2

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN

Julia Librizzi

HYMN #2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

(FWS-black hymnal)

MESSAGE *How We Respond*

Rev. Matt Weiler

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you!**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

...and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

SANCTUS #2257-b

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith...

Memorial Acclamation #2257-c

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYERS OF THEPEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (praying together)

Our God/Father/Mother, 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. Amen.

One: In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection, we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

First Strings

DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of resurrection, in Jesus Christ you have shown us your extravagant generosity, in response we offer you these gifts. Bless them and multiply them, that we might use them to bear witness to the good news of your resurrection. in Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

OUR SHARED LIVES

Phil VanOrman & Mandakini Brophy

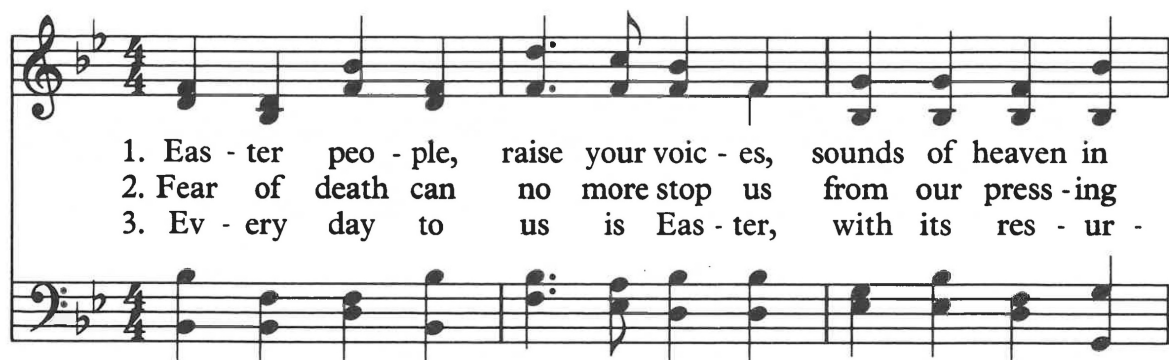
HYMN #322 *Up From the Grave He Arose*

(UMH-red hymnal)

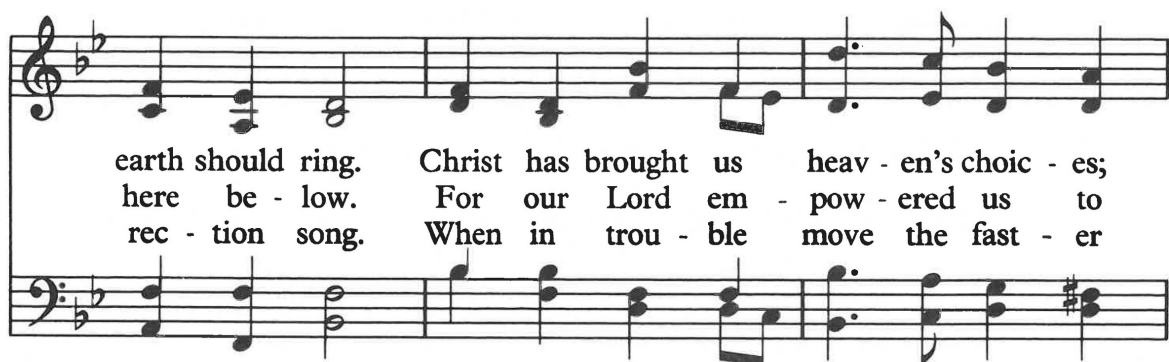
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POSTLUDE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304



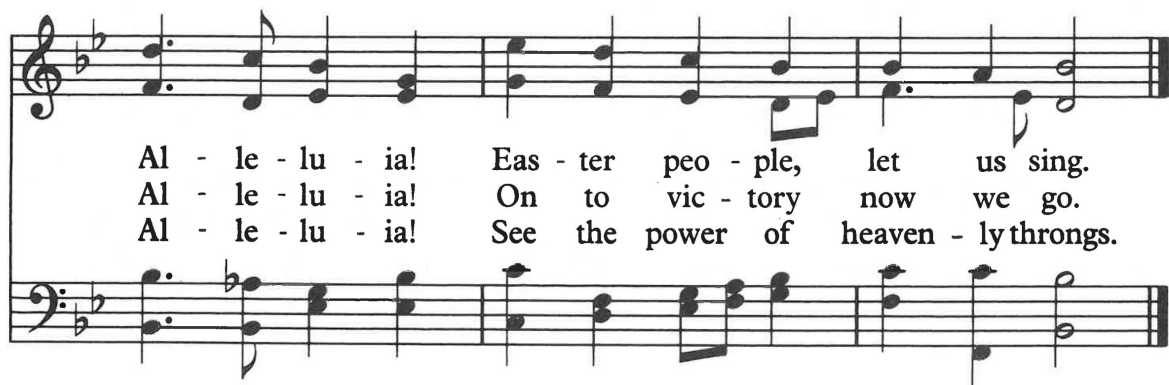
1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

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REGENT SQUARE

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2233

Where Children Belong



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the



wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

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MUSIC: James Ritchie

RITCHIE

Irregular

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2257-b

(Sanctus)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of



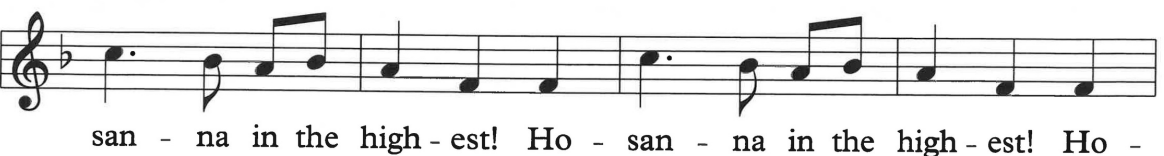
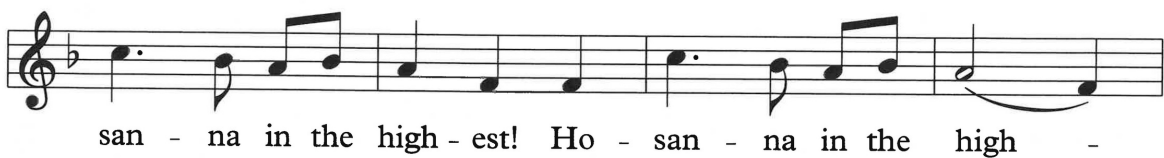
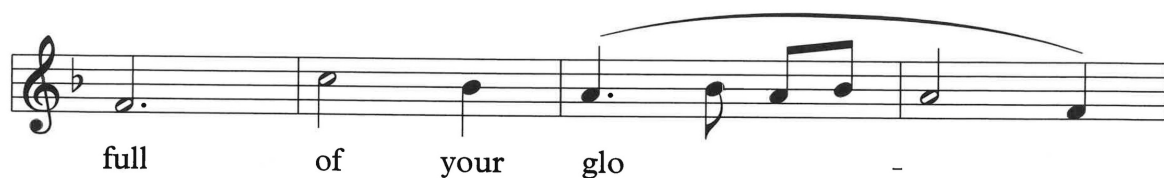
power and might. Heav - en and earth are

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EUCCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION, LORD'S SUPPER)



THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

2257-C (Memorial Acclamation)

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,

Christ will come a - gain. _____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na in the high - est! _____

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94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Up from the Grave He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a
 (he a - rose)

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a -
 (o'er his foes)

rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
(he a-rose) (he a-rose)