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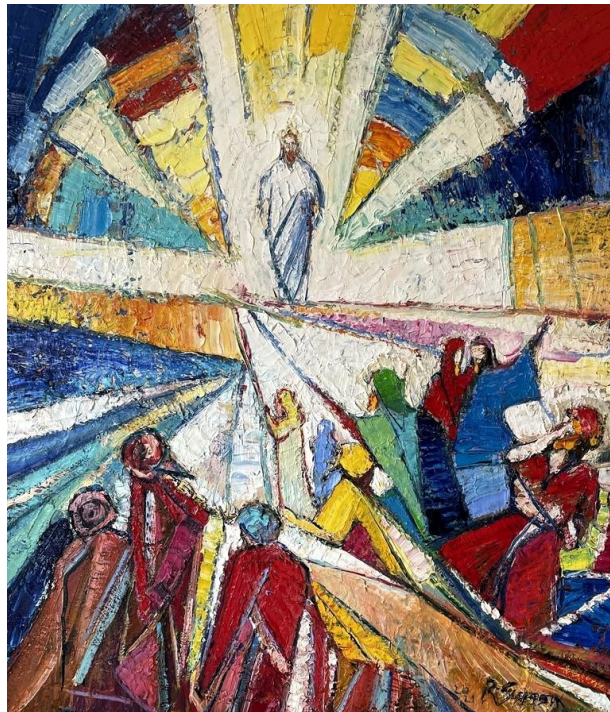
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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Love divine, in raising Christ to new life you opened the path of salvation to all peoples. Send us out, with the joy of Mary Magdalene, to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may celebrate with you the banquet of your peace. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: May his grace and peace be with you.

Many: May he fill our hearts with joy. Alleluia!

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Easter Emotions

Easter means different things to different people, and it was no less on that first Easter morn. There was grief, there was uncertainty, there was also confusion, hope and joy. And these are just the emotions we gather from the written text - imagine being there in the flesh! Today we come similarly uncertain to the tomb, hoping against hope that there might still be life waiting for us. We bring all of our baggage with us: the heaviness of our daily lives, our fears and uncertainties that seem right at home during the somber season of Lent, and we come seeking the rest Jesus promised when he said, "*come to me all you who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest.*" What will we find? We already know the answer, and yet we continue to come because we continue to need, year after year, the hope and joy that God alone provides. So come, just as you are, and marvel anew at all that the Lord has done. We'll see you in church!



Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



Prayers & Praises

March 31, 2024

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- William Deterding
- Sharon Hile
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Sympathy to the family of The Rev. Chris Morton, our Regional Minister. He passed away suddenly on Monday, March 19th. His Commemoration and Celebration of Life Service is Wednesday, April 3 @ 11 am - Bethany Christian Church.

Please keep Ron & Sharon Hile and their family in your prayers. Sharon is now in Hospice.

Friends:

- Bob Johnson, a longtime family friend of the Vocasek family. *Bob is battling terminal cancer.*
- Jennie & Will Ernest and family. *Tyler Goodrich, the young man missing since November 3rd is Jennie's brother.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart.*

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Minden First Christian Church - Pulpit Supply

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Mission Partners in Greece

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Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Christ
is
Risen!