



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – HE IS RISEN!
MARCH 31, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

“An Easter Celebration”

Choir: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Congregation:

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Video Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Sean Spence

One: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

All: But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real.

Today we know that Christ is here.

One: We have a reason to hope.

All: We have a reason to sing!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Vs 1, 2 & 4

Please refer to the red hymnal in the pew back or the words on the screen

Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings, on that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news. Doubt clouded their minds. Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads. As we return to this familiar text, help us to hear differently this morning. Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias. Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us. With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray, amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2034

Sing twice

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Please refer to The Faith We Sing hymnal in the pew back or the words on the screen.

**Please stand as you are able*

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Louis Perez

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Chorus #400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Vs 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Message:

And I Hope

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

We may weep through the longest nights.

We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

But today, we are a people of hope.

We believe in new beginnings.

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

We believe that a tomb could not hold him.

We believe that the sun does rise.

We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.

We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us.

Today we are a people of hope.

Song of Prayer

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Choir begins

Congregation joins in:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Choir sings

Congregation joins in:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.

**And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace,
His glory and grace. In the light of His glory and grace.**

Pastoral 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.

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**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.
Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!
Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace, you bring into the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Choir begins

Congregation joins:

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King. Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing evermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

Choir concludes

*Benediction

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

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*On Eagle's Wings

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Postlude

"The Heavens and Telling"



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. *All* are welcome at PBUMC!

**Today's altar flowers are in celebration of Tom and Sally Benges's
45th Wedding Anniversary! Today is the actual date!**

PB UMC offers a three week "Belonging Class" for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church.

Class 1: What's a United Methodist?

Class 2: Connected and Involved

Class 3: Next Steps to Church Membership

Our next Belonging Class sessions will be held on Sundays, April 14th, April 21st, and April 28th following church with a light lunch provided. If you are interested in attending or have other questions related to church membership, please contact Pastor Lori.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or via the [website](#). Want to know what's happening at PB UMC? Sign up for our weekly emails! We have several different categories you can sign up for: there's the weekly news with a rundown of that week's sermon and events happening soon, a weekly email with prayer requests, a monthly email with a link to our Beach Breeze newsletter, as well as youth/Sunday school emails and memorial notifications.

Whether you'd like to sign up for one or sign up for all, visit <https://pbumc.flocknote.com/>! To financially support the ministries of PBUMC in this community and beyond, please go to pbumc.org/give or scan the QR code.



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