

TULLY UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 31, 2024 9:30 AM

The Rev. Richard G. Reed, Pastor



-WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST –

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Tully United Community Church would like to acknowledge with respect the Onondaga Nation, Fire-keepers of the Haudenosaunee, the indigenous peoples on whose ancestral lands our buildings now stand.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We welcome all who have joined us in person and on ZOOM on this Resurrection Sunday! Are there any announcements to come before us?

PRELUDE

“Easter Chimes”

GREETING

Officiant: Now is Christ risen from the dead. O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: May God's grace and peace be with you.

P: May God fill our hearts with joy. Alleluia!

L: Christ is our Light and our Salvation!

P: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

L: Let us pray:

God of all ages and of all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory, and evil into goodness. Help us on this day, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have entrapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, scandal and corruption, pride and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us, through the power of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

**HYMN

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" Vv. 1-4

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**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!**

PASSING THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Rejoicing"

George F. Handel

Kay Crosley Bell Choir

-WE PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS-

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Liturgist: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Here ends the reading.

PSALTER

Psalm 118:14-24

Resp. 2

#839

R  **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad!** 

Liturgist: The LORD is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

People: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

L: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

P: the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

L: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**P: The LORD has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**P: This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it. *R***

L: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. *R***

L: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

P: O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

P: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

L: The LORD is God,
who has given us light.

**P: Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**P: O give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever! *R***

SECOND LESSON

First Corinthians 15:1-11

Liturgist: A reading from the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. Paul proclaims the story of Jesus' resurrection.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Here ends the reading.

****HYMN**

“The Strife Is O’er, The Battle Done”

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Antiphon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 1. The strife is o’er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!**
- 2. The pow’rs of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions has dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!**
- 3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**
- 4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to Thee:
Alleluia!**

Antiphon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing for the Proclamation of the Gospel.

****THE GOSPEL**

+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 Jesus. 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.

SERMON

"What Are You Afraid Of?"

The Rev. Richard G. Reed

CHORAL ANTHEM

"He Is Not Here"

Russell Nagy

Laura Currie Chancel Choir

-WE BOW BEFORE THE LORD IN PRAYER-

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bidding: We are reaching out in prayer;

Response: Hear us and save us, risen Lord!

*Celebrant: Let us come into the light of the resurrection, as we seek to share in the life and saving grace of the risen Jesus, saying: We are reaching out in prayer; **Hear us and save us, risen Lord!***

Liturgist: Almighty God, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world.

*We are reaching out in prayer; **Hear us and save us, risen Lord!***

L: The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and

holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice, truth and peace.

*We are reaching out in prayer; **Hear us and save us, risen Lord!***

L: The Apostle Peter has taught us, O God, that you show no partiality but accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Be with us in this community of Tully, that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness. Bless our Kurdish brothers as they observe a holy Ramadan.

*We are reaching out in prayer; **Hear us and save us, risen Lord!***

L: Let Christ's resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially those whom we have named aloud and those we lift to you now in silence. (moment of silence is kept)

L: Hear our prayers of grateful gladness this Easter Day, and remember in the light of the resurrection those who have died.

*We are reaching out in prayer; **Hear us and save us, risen Lord!***

Celebrant: Eternal God, You have raised Jesus of Nazareth from death on the cross into resurrection life. Make us his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

-WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD-

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Celebrant: God is at work in the world, renewing, remaking, resurrecting, bringing hope through the faith, the gifts, and the work of the church. We trust in God, and together we work for peace and justice through God's Spirit as we offer our tithes and gifts. Let us rejoice in our God-given opportunity to share in God's work.

****DOXOLOGY, PRESENTATION, AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: Use the gifts of our treasure, O God, to empower our work with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to carry your Incarnate Love into the world. Receive the gifts of bread and wine that we bring to your table, and bless them that our eyes may be opened to see that the body broken and the cup poured out, have become the risen Christ in our midst. This we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF COMMUNION/THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(Responses on page 15 in the front of the hymnal. You will be instructed when to come forward to receive)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Adults, youth, and children come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table. It is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Come, for all are welcome.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child.

You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life—a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love.

You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life.

You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life—that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him.

*He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate,
He offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.*

*We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh.
Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.*

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God that we gather this morning and remember together that on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

CHORUS

"Do This In Remembrance Of Me"

Kerr-Whitt

**Do this in remembrance of me: this broken life, your lives outpouring.
Do this, do this my friends! As I now live, so you must live!**

*Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer,
we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup,
and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ.*

Accept our praise and thanksgiving, accept our lives as holy offerings to you, that in losing our life we might find true Life and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.***

And now, as our Lord has taught us, we are bold to pray, saying:
**“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. And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.”**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Please allow the choir to come forward first. Then come forward take the bread and eat. Then move to the cup, drink it, and put the empty in the basket.)

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, O Lord.

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Celebrant: You have raised us with Christ, and made us a new people.

People: As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts.

People: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

- WE ARE SENT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS -

****HYMN**

"Thine Be The Glory"

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1. Thine be 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 be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly, He greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
3. 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.

BENEDICTION

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: We are sent in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!

Officiant: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People: Amen. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"The Resurrection"

Robert Lowery

****Indicates to rise if you are able**

Thoughts to Ponder After Worship:

- How will you celebrate Jesus' resurrection today?
- In what places do you look for the risen Christ in our midst?
- In what ways do you bear witness to the risen Christ in your life?