

SERMON "Remember His Words" Rev. Ned Alderman

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302

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!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

STATEMENT OF FAITH A MODERN AFFIRMATION, UMH #885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the Gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.



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*"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."*

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Easter Sunday



Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Cry Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and directions to these rooms. [†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

GREETING  
JOYS AND CONCERNS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER**  
Loving, sustaining God, like the mighty oak, may our branches at Oaklette church embrace those around us in this community. Use us as an instrument to welcome and shelter your people. Deepen our roots so that our branches are strong. Let the Holy Spirit flow like a river through our church, so that we may do your will. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

**OPENING SCRIPTURE** Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wonders; His right hand and holy arm have gained Him the victory.

The LORD has proclaimed His salvation and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered His love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth – let your cry ring out, and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, in melodious song with the harp.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and all that fills it, the world, and all who dwell in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" DANA MOODY

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lay Reader: This is the good news – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Lay Reader: This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Lay Reader: This is the good news – once we were no people, now we are God’s people.

People: Hallelujah!

Lay Reader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

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OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Enlighten our hearts, Father of glory, because sometimes we just don’t get it, or maybe we just aren’t paying attention. If the bulb is burned out, change it. If the dimmer is on low, spin it up high. Do what you must to help us understand, because everything is different now.

Christ has died, but you brought him back to life. Now he is in charge of everything, including us. And the power you used for this miracle, you place in the hands of those who believe to rescue us from death and let Christ rule our hearts. This really does change everything. Our hope is restored, our inheritance is secured. Bring up the lights, Lord, so we can thank you. Amen.

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HYMN

“Up From the Grave He Arose ”

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1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior,  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!  
*Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [responsively]

We know that God shows no partiality, but welcomes and forgives all those who repent

and believe. Let us confess our sin.  
Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You rolled away the stone from the tomb.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
(silent confession)

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

**Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.**  
When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler, every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**  
As Jesus has taught us to pray, we are bold to pray:

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; 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.**

ANTHEM

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12 [NLT]

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." Then they remembered that he had said this. So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples-and everyone else-what had happened. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We belong to Christ Jesus; all things are his, for he is Lord of all.

OFFERING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

“He Lives”

#310

1.

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he’s always near.  
Refrain  
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
2.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair,  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last.  
Refrain
3.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.  
Refrain

BENEDICTION

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us. May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory. Amen.

Today’s service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.  
The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God.



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POSTLUDE

“Easter Fanfare”

DANA MOODY