



First United Methodist Church

Andover

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Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 11:00 am

The flowers on the altar were given by Tom and Susan Eblen in honor of Pastor Chad and all our church staff

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy
Shelby Blair, Harp

WELCOME

* OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE VV 1-4

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

$\text{♩} = 60$ VERSE

A \flat E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat /G

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 A \flat E \flat /G Fm 7 A \flat /B \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 B \flat E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /G Fm 7 A \flat /B \flat E \flat E \flat /G

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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9 A \flat E \flat /G B \flat ^{sus} B \flat E \flat /G A \flat Cm7 B \flat ^{sus} B \flat A \flat

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

13 E \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /G Fm7 A \flat /B \flat

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

16 E \flat B \flat m7 Fm7 E \flat E \flat ^{sus} E \flat

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
All: **For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.**

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!
All: **For this day moves us past darkness and despair.**

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!
All: **For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
All: **Christ lives here and now.**

Leader: He is among us at this and every moment!
May his peace and presence be known to you.
All: **And also to you.**

* OPENING PRAYER

O living Lord,
on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst of your disciples
as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them your peace.
Come to us, we pray, in your risen power
and make us glad with your presence,
and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may be strong to serve you
and spread abroad your good news,
for the glory of your great name. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic+ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (*No. 70*)

MEINEKE

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.

¹ Answer me when I cry out,
 my righteous God!
 Set me free from my troubles!
 Have mercy on me!
 Listen to my prayer!

² How long, you people,
 will my reputation be insulted?
 How long will you continue
 to love what is worthless
 and go after lies?

³ Know this: the LORD takes
 personal care of the faithful.
 The LORD will hear me
 when I cry out to him.

⁴ So be afraid, and don't sin!
 Think hard about it in your bed
 and weep over it!

⁵ Bring righteous offerings,
 and trust the LORD!

⁶ Many people say,
 "We can't find goodness anywhere.
 The light of your face has left us, LORD!"

⁷ But you have filled my heart with more joy
 than when their wheat and wine are
 everywhere!

⁸ I will lie down and fall asleep in peace
 because you alone, LORD,
 let me live in safety.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
Shelby Blair, Harp

NT READING

1 John 3:1-7 (CEB)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

² Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. ⁴ Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶ Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAYER (vv 1,2,3,5)

Down To The River To Pray

Words
Traditional

Music
Traditional
arranged by Eric Bright

♩ = 132

A/E Bm/E A E⁷ A/E E⁷ A/E

1. As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that
 2. As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that
 3. As I went down in the riv - er to pray, stud - y - in' a - bout that

7 A Bm/A A/E Bm/E A Bm/A A Bm/A A F#m⁷ E D Bm/D

good ole way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the
 good ole way and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the
 good ole way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the

15 A E⁷ F#m/E A Bm/A A A/E E²(no3) D²

way. _____ Oh, sis - ters let's go down, - let's go down,
 way. _____ (2. broth - ers)
 way. _____ (3. sin - ners)

23 D²(no3) Bm/A A E⁷ F#m/E A

come on down. - Oh, sis - ters let's go
 (broth - ers)
 (sin - ners)

28 Bm/A A A/E E²(no3) D A

down, - down in the riv - er to pray. _____

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

ACTS READING

Acts 3:12-19 (CEB)

¹² Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, even though he had already decided to release him. ¹⁴ You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus’ name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

¹⁷ “Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

* GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:37-48 (CEB)

³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” ⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

⁴¹ Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?”

⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled. ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah, Amelia Monohan, and Davis House

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,

who earnestly repent of their sin

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

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

People:

**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.**

Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.

People:

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

Pastor:

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.
through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Be The Name