

Orono United Church, April 4th 2021

Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The grave clothes are lying in a heap. The body is gone.

One: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

All: Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?

One: Let us proclaim with Mary:

All: We have seen the risen Lord!

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

The Christ Candle Is Lit

Hymn: **VU #155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Risen Christ, Lord of life, breathe new life into us this day. Inspire us with confidence, and open our hearts anew, to receive your promise of resurrection.

Speak to us once more, that we might hear your voice and recognize your presence in our midst. From the darkness of doubt, guide us into the glorious light of faith and love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Good News

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10

Hymn: **VU #179 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord"**

Confession (said together)

We are often not the Easter People that we should be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice, or we hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path.

Forgive us, we pray; restore the love that we first had, a faith that can endure. We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord, and with you at our right hand, we shall not be shaken. Amen

A time of quiet reflection on our prayer

Words of Assurance

One: The risen Jesus offers forgiveness of sins through his name.

All: Our Risen Lord offers us new life. Amen.

Anthem: Shawna Edwards – “Risen”

Message: Winning The Game

Hymn: **VU #190 “The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns”**

The 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.

Options

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Or Prayers Of The People

Hymn: **VU #173 “Thine Be The Glory”**

Blessing and Dismissal

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: Men Unified In Christ – “Easter Song”