



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

*Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—
compassionate, generous, resilient and wise*

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9 • 7:00 AM



HE IS RISEN

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered here in the dark garden to see the eternal light.
We come out of emptiness and enter God's fullness.

People: We come out of our hopelessness to find God's joy.

Leader: We come out of our confusion to seek God's peace.

People: We come far from home because we know we have been found.

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Song What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

Chorus 1

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Verse 2

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

Chorus 2

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Bridge

*Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

Bridge

*You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names*

Chorus 3

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Ending

*What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks today for the life, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for the never-drying wellspring of love you offer us every day, that we may shout, "I have seen the Lord!" As we greet the world on this Resurrection morning, we are reminded of the new birth that comes each spring. We are reminded of your promise of a new and vibrant creation, of your promise that death does not have the final word. We see you as Mary did, through tear-filled eyes, and we know your unconquerable love. So now give us voices to proclaim this good news, to exclaim this amazing plot twist, our whole lives long. We pray all of this in the name of your Son, who is risen indeed. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

John 20: 1, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

"A Resurrection Moment"

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21: 1-4; 22 (selected verses)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

They will be his peoples,

And God himself will be with them;

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

Mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

For the first things have passed away.”

Song In Christ Alone

Verse 1

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

Verse 2

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

Verse 3

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

Verse 4

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Prayer

Benediction

Leader: We have come from darkness and despair, from death and suffering, to hope and joy.

People: We have been transformed by new life.

Leader: Go into the world,
go and announce what Mary Magdalene announced,

People: We have seen the Lord!

Leader: Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day, Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Passing the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Easter Sunday
SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM, Memorial Garden

Easter Sunday Worship 9 & 11 AM, Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 AM, South Lawn

Don't forget your Easter baskets!

