April 24th Order of Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter



"God of Wonders"
by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
Lord of all creation, Of the water, earth and sky
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of Heaven and Earth
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Early in the morning I will celebrate the light And when I stumble into darkness I will call Your name by night

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Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth You are holy, holy

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me. You are Holy, Holy
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> "Rock of Ages" (UMH 361)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; let the water and the blood, fromThy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's commands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

"Rock of Ages" arr. Keveren

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

One: Look, life is here,
All: even when the tomb is empty.

One: Listen, love is calling,
All: even when death is all around.

One: Believe, for hope reigns victorious; All: This is the gift of resurrection.

One: This is the miracle of Easter. **All: Hallelujah! Amen.**

"Christ the Lord" by Paul Baloche

Son of God proved His love, That while we were sinners Jesus died for us No more shame, no more fear, Our Savior is alive forever, God is near.

Christ the Lord is risen today, The lamb of God has taken our sins away Love's redeeming work is done,

Raise Your voice, the King has overcome Hallelujah, hallelujah

By His grace, long ago
Our sins were as scarlet, now they're white as snow
Love was nailed to the cross,
His dying and His rising has changed our hearts

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The lamb of God has taken our sins away
Love's redeeming work is done,
Raise Your voice, the King has overcome
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Made like Him, like Him we'll rise, Ours the cross, the grave, the sky Made like Him, like Him we'll rise, Ours the cross, the grave, the sky

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Message Bag

MUMC Bell Choir "How Firm a Foundation"

Matthew 28.1-7
Resurrection: Where did Jesus go now?
-Speaking Stones-

Prayer Response:

"Lord in Your mercy, we lift these prayers up to you"

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.

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain" (UMH 363)

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused His pain!
For me? who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
let angel minds inquire no more.
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He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!), emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Offering -Easter Egg Hunt-

"Empty (Disciples)"
by Bernie Herms and Nicole Nordeman
All my devotion and misguided loyalty
Swinging my sword in the garden
While you pray for your enemies
All my allegiance, I loved You and You alone
But who'd believe that I could mean it
Now that the rooster crowed?

Now we're huddled up here, trying to swallow our fear We still smell the bread and wine, hear your words running through our minds Holding our breath now, for what comes next now Holding out for some kind of sign

But there's empty cross, there's an empty tomb
Fire and wind now sweeping in this tiny upper room
There's a hungry world, there's a risen King
Unlock the doors, what reason more
Could we ever need?
So sing with me
I dare you to
Because there's an empty cross
There's an empty tomb

We wept from a distance, watched pieces of our dreams
Buried with you, every last wound
Sealed with stone, beyond our reach
Sweet, sweet Jesus, every question, every fear
Vanishing, like vapor dreams
Now that you're standing here

Now the tears come easy, when you say you're leaving We touched the place the nails went through, wanting one more day with you But it's goodbye now, for a little while now Believing everything you said is true

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We will sing this song To make Your name live on Until every heart hears of The way You rescued us

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Closing Words

"Joy of the Lord" by Rend Collective

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise you Lord

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
Though the waters rise I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength The joy of the Lord is my strength In the darkness I'll dance In the shadows I'll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love
I will praise You Lord

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You Lord

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When sorrow comes my way You are the shield around me Always You remain My courage in the fight

I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming Walking on the waves Reaching for Your light

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