

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Day – April 4, 2021



The Three Marys by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1910

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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. George Ragsdale

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"
Sarah Baumgardner, soloist

arr. Brenda Portman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful loves endures forever!

The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

PROCESSIONAL

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Sarah Baumgardner, soloist
Josh Westbrook, Chris Ritch, Larry Bradmon, Bill Todd

arr. John Behnke

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Jennifer Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

"I Will Rise"
Brian Kelso, soloist

Chris Tomlin

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

REFLECTION MUSIC

"Thine Be the Glory"

arr. J. Marty Cope

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

... now and for ever.

Amen.

*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.

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us truly be your resurrection people. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

"The Day of Resurrection"

arr. Shelton Ridge Love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Strife is O'er"

arr. Charles Callahan

Easter Lilies and Ferns



GIVEN BY:

Chris and Connie Atkins
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IN HONOR OF:

Our son, Christopher Atkins, Jr.
Our daughter, Courtney Bowen

GIVEN BY:

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Michael and Denise Martin
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Bob and Lora Grant

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