

Easter April 17, 2022

10:00am

MUSICAL REFLECTIONS

WELCOME

***INTROIT #258 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The night of defeat is long and still and unbearable

All: We know those nights.

Leader: We are stunned by the morning to find our pet projects toppled, our favorite idols failed, our managed hopes defeated.

All: Then you come in the morning.

Leader: In splendor, in glory, in power.

All: Bring us to your day, your new day, your third day.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN #229 "Lift High the Cross"**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, p. 492 & 493

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.

***HYMN #254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Heart to Heaven"**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18, pp. 882-883

SERMON

MINISTRY OF SHARING

***DOXOLOGY: #809 "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. Amen."**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

***CLOSING HYMN #234 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

*PRAYER TO HEAD OUT INTO THE WORLD (a riff on Psalm 118)

Leader: Hallelujah, the LORD is with us! On this day of all days!

All: Open the gates to the sanctuary, of the building and in my heart, so I can enter into God's loving kindness!

Leader: Thank you for saving me; I know I'm a bit of a mess.

All: But you're the one, O God, who builds whole buildings around the stones that everyone else rejects.

Leader: No one but God sees what is possible in the ruins.

All: Let us rejoice in that truth and this day, because all this is what the LORD has made.

Leader: Bless everyone who comes in the name of the LORD, trying to make something out of the least likely pieces of this world.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, and we are so grateful that it does. He is Risen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #839 **"God Be With You Till We Meet Again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter!

WELCOME

God instilled in all of us a desire for a life of meaning and purpose. That quest can be full of surprises – share your journey with fellow travelers at the Brookline Community Church.

Please stay for coffee hour after the worship service, or fill out a pew card and we'll be in touch!

Participants

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