

RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
United by the Spirit through Technology

Prelude

Opening prayer

Welcome & announcements

Hymn "Easter People Raise Your Voices"
Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
To triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Everyday to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Special Music

"Knowing You Jesus"

Tammy Heller

Scripture

Matthew 28: 11-15

11. As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened.
12. A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe.
13. They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.'
14. If the governor hears about it, we'll stand up for you so you won't get in trouble."
15. So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.

Sermon

"Differing Stories"

Rev. Claudia Stallings

Hymn

"Christ Has Risen"

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor.
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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

Consecrating our tithes and offerings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord the light of Your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness, shining

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth You now bring us

Shine on me

Shine on me

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence

From the shadows into Your radiance

By the blood I may enter Your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness

Shine on me

Shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,

So our faces display Your likeness;

Ever changing from glory to glory,

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.

Shine on me

Shine on me

Benediction