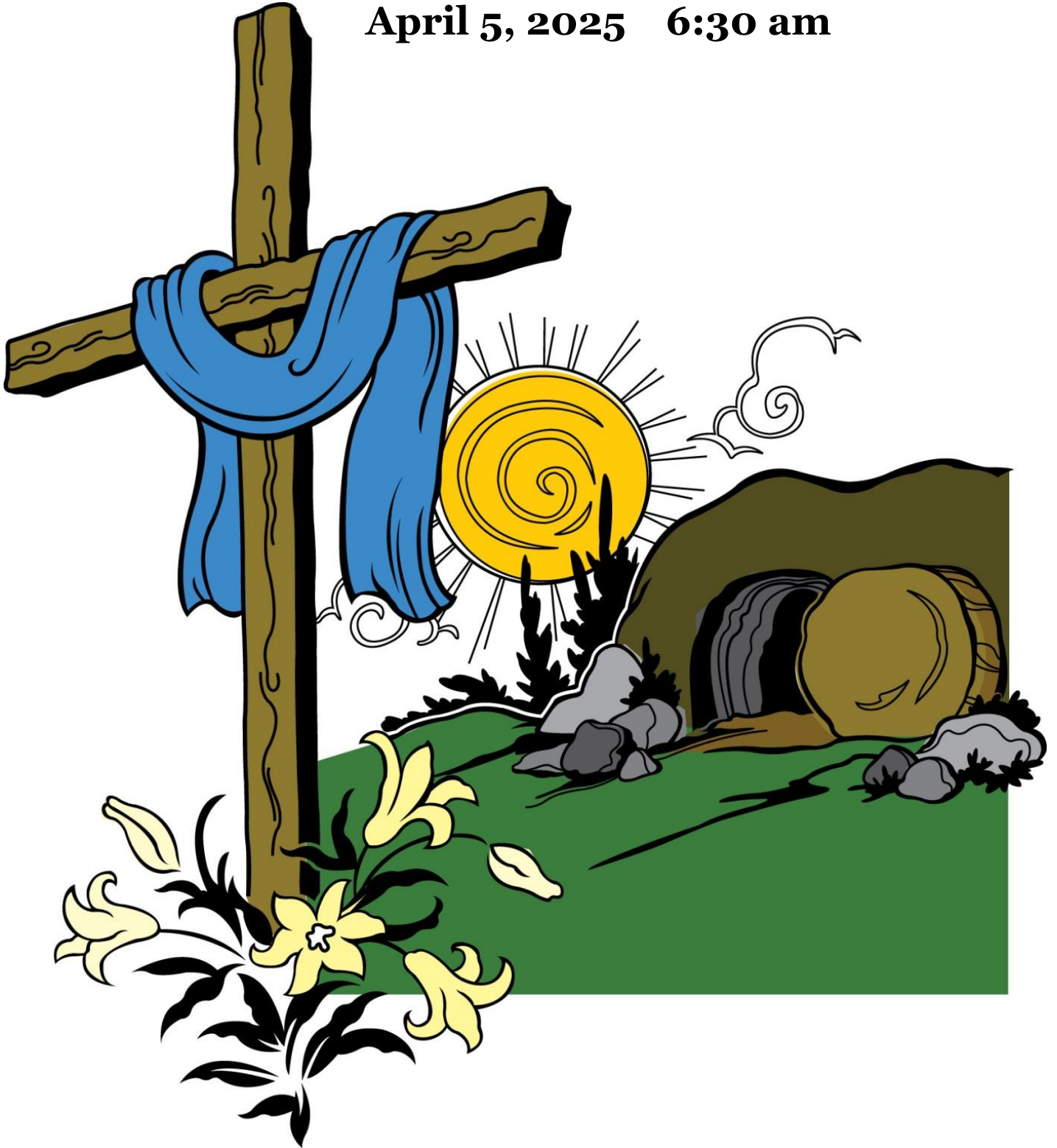


EASTER DAWN SERVICE

April 5, 2025 6:30 am



EASTER DAWN SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

Please observe a respectful silence when the pre-service music begins.

*Please stand if you are able

† GATHERING †

Leader: CHRIST IS RISEN.

Congregation: HE IS RISEN INDEED.

(Recite 3 times, each time louder.)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Tim Craven

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God."

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

673

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: Treble staff chords: G, C, D, D, A7, D. Lyrics: 1 I'm so glad, I'm so glad, 2 Satan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Satan had me bound, 3 When I was in trouble, When I was in trouble.

System 2: Treble staff chords: G, G, G7, C, G7, C. Lyrics: Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad, Satan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, When I was in trouble.

System 3: Treble staff chords: A, G, B7, Em, A7, G, D7, G. Lyrics: sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20:1-18

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

¹Early 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. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE: “The Easter Message”

- Robert Getz

HYMN “Blessed Assurance”

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all day long.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all day long.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is a t rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest.

Watching and waiting, looking a bove, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all day long.

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SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

We leave the church for the service ending outdoors. We will continue with singing the Hymn, *“The Old Rugged Cross”*, found in the bulletin.

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of
suff'ring and shame And I love that old cross where the dearest and
best For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay
down I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day
for a crown

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine A wondrous
beauty I see For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To
pardon and sanctify me

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true Its shame and reproach
gladly bear Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

CLOSING PRAYER: 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 and ever. Amen.**

† BENEDICTION †

L: Go In peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God!

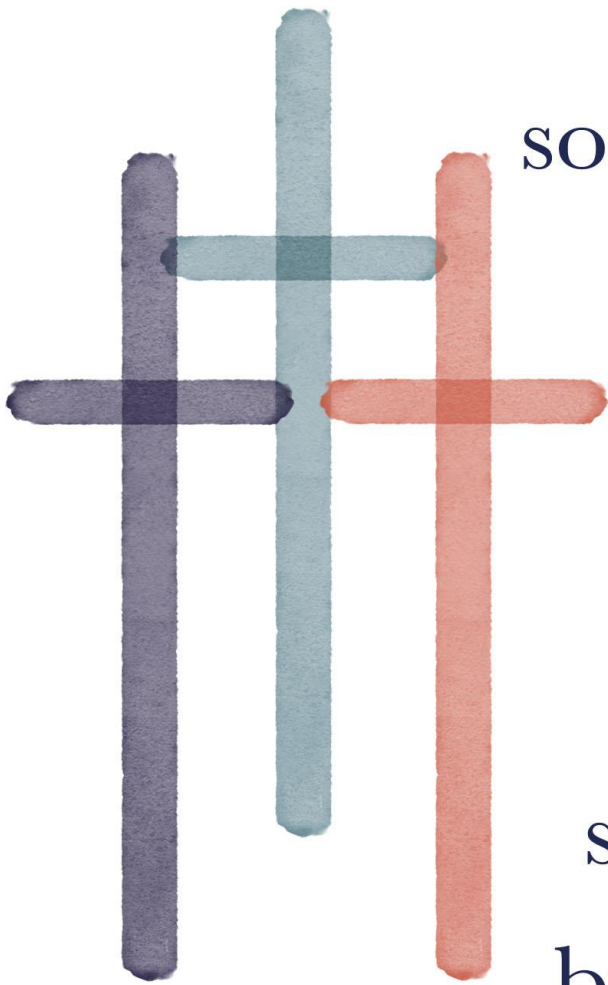
L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed!

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Craven
Speaker: Robert Getz

Guitarist: Pastor Tim



For *God*
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in *him*
should not perish
but have *eternal life*.

John 3:16