

**Easter Sunday April 4, 2021**

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

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**PRELUDE**

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Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

The stone is rolled away;

**the tomb is empty.**

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who  
was crucified.

**He is not here; he is risen!**

He goes ahead of you.

**We shall see him!**

Indeed! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

You shall see him!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!

Praise Him all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**OPENING PRAYER** Jenny Romens-Erickson

God of all creation, you bring life out of death  
and hope out of despair. We rejoice that you  
have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. You  
have made the world new. Today, we wonder  
what you have yet in store for us. Give us  
courage to meet the Risen Christ as he goes  
before us into a new future, a future filled  
with hope. We praise you Holy One as you lift  
us up from grief to new life. In the name of  
our crucified and risen Savior we rejoice.  
Amen.

**VIRTUAL CHOIR**

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply,  
Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won,

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome  
bought spices, so that they might go and anoint  
him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the  
week, when the sun had risen, they went to the  
tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another,  
“Who will roll away the stone for us from the  
entrance to the tomb?”<sup>4</sup>When they looked up,  
they saw that the stone, which was very large,  
had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered  
the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a  
white robe, sitting on the right side; and they  
were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be  
alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was crucified. He has been raised; he is

not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**MEDITATION** Pastor Jacoba Koppert  
*“The Open-Ended Promise”*

### **OUR EASTER PRAYERS**

#### **THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

#### **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

May these offerings bear witness to our faith in you and our confidence in your forgiving love for all humanity. Thank you for answering our prayers and providing for our salvation. With our gifts we hope to extend the good news of Easter beyond this community and this nation. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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### Announcements

## ***HAPPY EASTER!***

Welcome to our Easter service of worship! We are glad you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio. We pray you will experience the joy of Christ’s Resurrection!

- 10AM in person Sundays. Masks and social distancing required. *Please do not come if you feel ill.*
- 10AM Sunday Our service can be found on YouTube “UCC-Neillsville” and our website “Neillsvilleucc.org”
- 11AM Sunday Radio Broadcast WCCN 98.5 FM; 1370 AM
- Children’s Time will be added to our closed Facebook page on Sunday
- 6:00PM Pastor- Parish Tuesday 6th on Zoom
- 7:15PM Wednesday April 7 CD for 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Zoom

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*Thank you to everyone who helped make the Lenten Meal giveaway on March 28<sup>th</sup> possible!*

