



Sunday, May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter

*"He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day,
just as the Scriptures said."
1 Corinthians 15:4*

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Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing and shout with joy,

All: for the God of hope is with us now.

Pastor: Give thanks and praise to God,

All: for the God of hope is with us always.

Pastor: Come and see God's deeds,

All: and discover the miraculous power of unending hope.

Opening Prayer

All: God of hopefulness, bring hope to our weary world and to our troubled hearts; ignite hope within our worship this day. Strengthen our faith as children of hope, that we may to partner with you and share the good news of your steadfast faithfulness with the world. Amen.

Hymn "My Hope Is Built" UMH #386

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-5

Meditation “Hope When Life Gets Challenging” Rev. Matthew Sergent

Special Music “O Rest in the Lord” Mendelssohn Alison Combes

Prayer and Remembering the Gifts of God at the Table

Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

Text: Clara H. Scott, 1841-1897

Music: Clara H. Scott, 1841-1897

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Benediction

Pastor: With the hope of all hopefulness, the steadfast faith of the hopeful, and the faithful assurance of the healed, go now to bring hope and healing to the world.

Postlude

(The Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Benediction taken from Abingdon Worship Annual, Mary Scifres, October 13, 2019)