Joys and Concerns

<u>Prayer List:</u> Family and Friends of Norma Rasmussen, Jan Larsen, Marjorie Madsen, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm and Dan Frizane.

Happy Birthday to Libby Williams, Lyra Johnson, and Jeanette Wilkinson.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music by Tammie Frizane

"Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

O Christ who reigns among us, make these gifts be a part of your realm on earth. Bless them and send them through us, your channels of peace and care, to those who are in special need. Keep us in covenant with you in our giving, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music "He Lives"

Closing Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH#364

Sending Forth

You are people of the resurrection, followers of Jesus Christ, who is no longer dead but alive among us. Go and share the good news with others, Christ is indeed risen! Hallelujah.

Postlude Lena Choi

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2022 Vision:

Expand Our Boundaries Through the Word of God.
"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path"
(Psalm 119:105)

Minden United Methodist Church

Order of Worship April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

- 1. We will have a Bible study, "Threading the Bible" this week at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday.
- 2. Spring Kids Church School takes place every Wednesday 3:30 pm 5:00 pm.
- 3. Join us for socializing and refreshments following worship.
- 4. Last week we received offerings of \$3,403. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!

P: Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!

L: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!

P: We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.

L: Christ is risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

ALL: AMEN

Opening Prayer

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymns

"Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH#322
"Thine Is the Glory" UMH#308

Children's Time

Special Music by the Children

Passing the Peace of Christ

"The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

Scriptures John 20:1-18 (NIV)

Melissa Klabunde

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the

strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
"The Tomb Is Empty!"
by
Pastor Peter Choi