

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9, 2023, 6:00am

Great Hollow Lake

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Chuck Schif

Call to Worship

All

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

Faith, hope, and love are alive.

Psalm 145 - I will lift you up high, my God, the true king. I will bless your name forever and always.

I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and always.

The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped.

One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Jesus, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. Your disciples were mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from them - forever. Instead, you met them in the garden of new life. We come this morning to meet you here, in this place of

new life. Today, we begin to understand that joy can come from grief. Now, you call us to go into the world to share this good news, not because we have to, but because we can! We give you all the thanks and praise and pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Gospel Readings: [Mark 16:1-3](#); [Matt. 28:2-8](#); [Luke 24:5-7](#)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

"Witnesses - The 'Early Birds'"

Offering Invitation

To benefit the Monroe Food Pantry

Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

Closing Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Benediction

***Thank you to Bill Schmalkuche from the United Methodist Church of
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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



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(Recorded Sessions)

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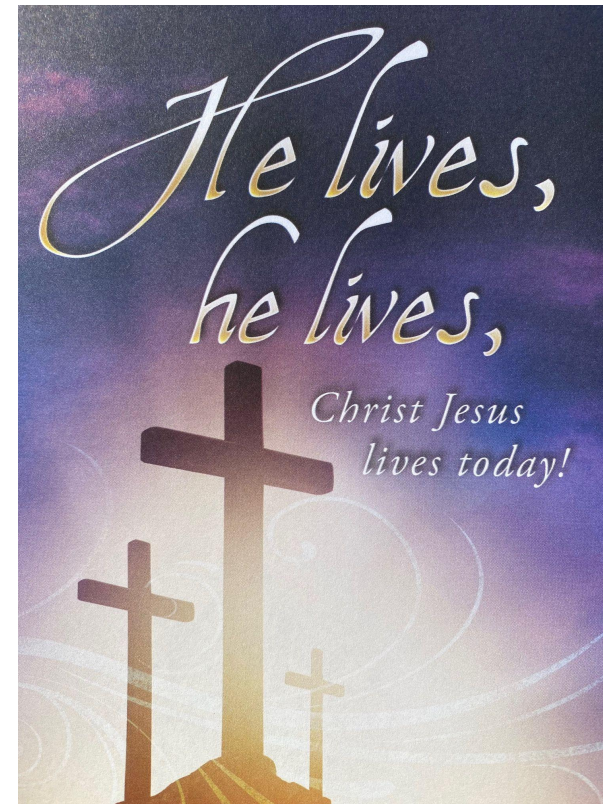
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"Growing in the Body of Christ"