

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Supplement – 4/24/2022

Christ Has Risen

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no loner, they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.**

Bible Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

²⁸ "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Because He Lives

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he brings.
But greater still, the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain, and then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll face the light of glory and I'll know He lives.**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat)

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong".
let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat)**

Give thanks! Give thanks!

We Walk By Faith

**We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
Yet we believe Him near**

**We may not touch His hands and side
Or follow where He trod
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God"**

**Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found**

**That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight**

**We walk and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
Yet we believe Him near**