

April 9, 2023

Easter/Resurrection Sunday: "Fully Alive in Christ"

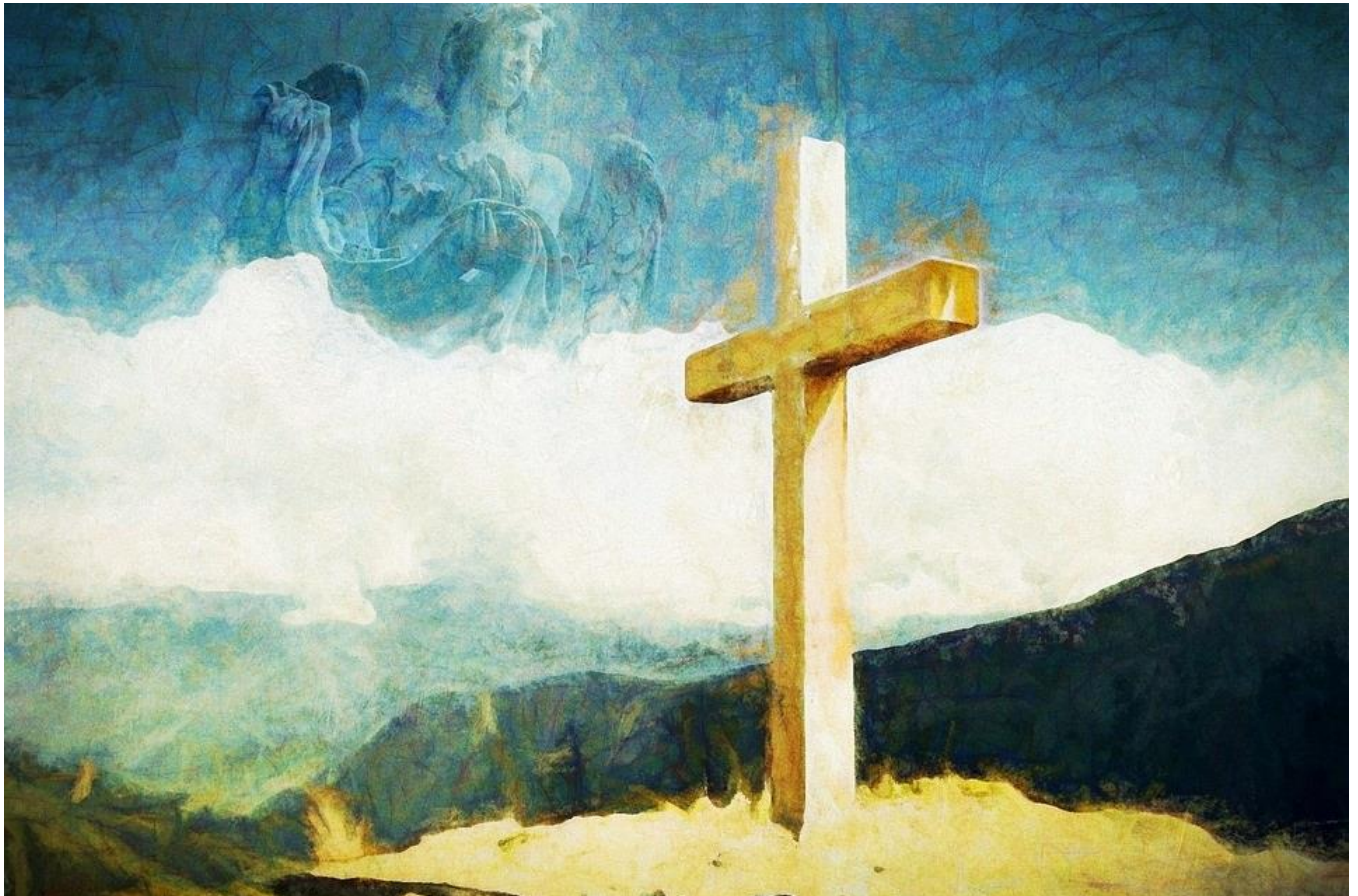
FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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LENT 2023: AUTHENTIC HUMANITY

Becoming authentically human is first and foremost about what God is doing. But we need to ask ourselves, what does it mean to be images of the God who created us? What does it mean to be reshaped into the image of the Son of God who, with unparalleled authenticity, lived, died, and lives anew in our true humanity? We are surrounded by a host of pressures that would squeeze and contort us into less-than-human. Lent is a season to release that pressure and to repent (turn from) all that would distort and reduce our humanity.

Musical Prelude (???)

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:21–24)

- **Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **All: Indeed! Christ is alive again! Alleluia!**
- **Leader:** We thank you, God, that you have resurrected your Son and so too this has become our salvation.
- **People:** The stone that the builders tossed aside actually becomes the cornerstone. God did this and it is too marvelous to comprehend.
- **All: This is the culmination of all the days that the Lord has made and so we must rejoice and be glad in it.**
- **Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **All: Oh yeah! Christ is indeed alive! And so are we, Alleluia!**

*"A rebirth out of spiritual adversity causes us to become new creatures."
– James E. Faust*

Congregational Singing

Opening Prayer – Day #27 by Sasha Steensen

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

- **Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.
- **People:** And also, with you.
- **All:** *Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.*

Confession

- **Leader:** Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.
- **People:** **Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?**
- **Leader:** What does this mean for our lives? For your church?
- **People:** **We confess to the Lord that sometimes we fail to fully see, understand and follow. We want to believe but help us in our unbelief.**

Hymn of Praise - #???

Scripture John 20:1-16

20:1 Early on Sunday morning, just before dawn, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found the stone was rolled away from the opening. 2 So she ran back to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They've taken the Master from the tomb and we do not know where they've laid him."

3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb. 4 They were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the strips of burial cloth lying there, but he did not go in. 6 When Peter got there he went into the tomb and also saw the strips of burial cloth lying there...10 Then the disciples went back home.

11 But Mary stood outside the tomb crying and as she wept, she too bent over to look into the tomb 12 but

Meditation: "Be Careful What You Wish For - Living the Resurrection!"



Congregational Singing

Communion

Hymn of Thanks

Time for Open Reflections on Easter

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Offering and Offertory



(Silent prayer as we confess the times that we have denied the power of Resurrection)

- **Leader:** Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and the power of resurrection in our lives. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love and help us to become fully alive.
- **All:** *With joyful hearts, we return to you our source of true hope and full life. Amen.*

two heavenly messengers appeared to her, one seated where Jesus' head had been lying and the other at the feet.

13 Why are you weeping?" They asked her and she said, "They have taken my dear Lord away and I don't know where they've put him."

14 At that very moment, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she failed to recognize him.

15 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Thinking that he was the graveyard's caretaker, she replied, "Sir, if you have taken him somewhere please tell me where his body is."

16 "Mary!" Jesus called out to her.

"Teacher!" Mary exclaimed in Hebrew.

Benediction (Voices Together 1066)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ, in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you