

Traditional Worship Service

And I Hope (Easter Sunday)

March 31, 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring
Out Faith Like Peter

Length
in mins

5:00 Prelude

1:30 Live Stream Startup

5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Pastor Cody Anderson

One: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

ALL: But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.

One: We have a reason to hope.
ALL: We have a reason to sing!

One: Alleluia!
ALL: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen today.

4:00 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*
#302 UMH, vs. 1-4, Aaron Olson, Trumpet

1:00 Call to Confession

Liturgist:

In the Gospel of Luke, the women come to the tomb, and to their surprise, instead of finding Jesus, they find angels. The angels tell the women, "Jesus is not here," and when that answer is met with confusion, the angels say, "Remember what he told you." Remember. It's one of the words Jesus used at his last supper, and it's one of the first words we hear at the empty tomb. Remember.

I think this call to remember is why we need the prayer of confession and these words of forgiveness every single week. It's not enough to hear of God's grace once. We need to hear it over and over again, week after week. We need to be reminded that God's grace and mercy will never run out.

So friends, let us run to God like the women ran to the tomb.

Let us tell the truth of our lives so that once again we can be reminded that our God is a God of grace, mercy, and love. Let us pray so that we can remember.

Join me in the prayer of confession:

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in mins**

1:30 Prayer of Confession

One: The stone is rolled away!
ALL: We assume it is a mistake.
One: The angels say, "He is not here!"
ALL: We assume their news is fake.
One: The women tell the story,
ALL: but we do not want to hear it.
One: Peter runs to the tomb,
ALL: but we do not understand.
One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb
is nothing more than a prank.
ALL: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.
One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope
when you are alive and well in the world.
ALL: Teach us to see what you see.
One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.
ALL: Amen.

1:00 Words of Assurance

Liturgist:

The angels tell the women, "Remember what Jesus told you."
So, church, remember this:
You are seen.
You are forgiven.
You are held in God's grace.
All of this is true.
Grace and mercy abound for you.
Remember this.
Amen!

3:30 Special Music

"Jubilate Deo," Choir

5:00 A Time for Children

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families
Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer

*****EASTER BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER***

ALL: Holy God, on this day that we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we ask that you breakthrough our lives, helping raise us up from what holds us down, as your faithful people here at Parker UMC. May our witness of the resurrection be a beacon of Christ's love to our community. Amen.

4:00 Offertory

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty," PUMC Choir

1:00 *Doxology*

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20:00 Message

Title: And I Hope
Preacher: Pastor Laura

3:00 *He Lives (Ackley)*

#310 UMH, vs. 1-3

1:00 Benediction

**Length
in mins**

2:00 Postlude

58:00
