

Napa Methodist Church

April 14, 2024



Resurrection Stories

**The United Methodist Church:
Following Jesus, Thriving in Community,
Healing the World**



Wherever you are on your journey of faith you're welcome here.

Prelude

Brian Shaw

Worship Leaders: Leah Danao and Keith Calara

*Welcome to worship! If you're worshipping online with us there's a link to the bulletin on the church website.

* Please sign and pass the registration books.

* Prayer cards in the pews are to share joys and concerns and go in the basket on the Communion rail. Prayers can also be emailed to office@napamethodist.org to be shared with the Prayer Group.

*Today after worship is a barbeque at the parsonage for those who were part of the membership class.

*This Saturday at 5pm is Messy Church and the theme is Do. Walk. Love. Dinner and activities for all ages will help us learn what God most wants of us.

*This morning our guest preacher is Lee Hamilton. Lee retired after a forty-year career devoted to Addiction Treatment. He taught addiction studies and counseling for twenty years in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at John F. Kennedy University and through Sonoma State University Extension.

*You are invited to walk through the Stations of Resurrection anytime. They will be posted throughout the Easter season. Each station has a QR code with the scripture attached to the picture, and a reflection by the artist. More information on the stations is available in the church office.

UMH The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS The Faith We Sing Songbook
HM Himnario Metodista (Spanish hymnal)

Call to Worship

Leader: In 12-step recovery programs, the first step is admitting powerlessness over anything that threatens to destroy our connection to our Higher Power, to ourselves, and to others. This week, we consider the variety of ways addiction occurs in our lives. We will celebrate the Good News that we can refocus our lives onto things that lead us to life and connection to the Holy.

**Everyone: Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

A Reading from John's Gospel

Readers: Steve Cairns, Wendy Camp, Rylie Andersen, Todd Manning

***Gathering Song** *The Day of Resurrection* UMH #303

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Song for Children *Halle, Halle, Halle* TFWS #2026
Led by William Somerville and Loie Whitmer

Time for Children Pastor Marylee

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Know that the spirit of Christ is with us even now, here in this room and with all those who are gathered with us online. Because of this, we can be honest about our lives, our struggles, and the things that keep us locked up. This is the key to peace: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for release is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting our lives. Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

Choir Anthem *Come Down, O Love Divine*
Jan Lanterman, Conductor

Scripture *Nehemiah 9:9-15*

Sermon *Resurrection Stories: Released* Lee Hamilton

Prayer Song *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* UMH #352

A Time of Prayer

The rosebud on the altar this morning announces the birth of Riley Grace Silcox, born to Courtney and Patrick Silcox; granddaughter of Molly and Bruce and great-grandparents, Hugh and Aletha Silcox. Welcome to the world baby Riley.

The Lord's Prayer

Padre nuestro,

que estás en el cielo.

Santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Invitation to Give Our Gifts

There are many ways to support the mission and ministries of Napa Methodist Church including checks, cash, online, or this QR code.



Offertory

Prelude in E-Major by F. Chopin

*Doxology *I Love to Tell the Story*

(tune UMH #156, HM #56)

The Savior of our stories has brought His peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.

To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants His peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Prayer of Dedication

Michael Herzog

*Song

Christ Has Risen

TFWS #2115

Benediction

*Closing Song *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

Stations of the Resurrection by Scott Erickson

“According to the scriptures, nothing seemingly changed in the world on the day that Jesus rose from the grave. Rome didn’t stop being in power. The religious leaders who asked for a crucifixion didn’t lose their jobs. It took a while before the followers of Jesus stopped hiding for their lives in a room together. It was all very small at first. **So small that you’d think it wasn’t any kind of event at all.** The world may not have changed the morning Jesus was resurrected, but Jesus changed. Then his resurrection encounters with his followers irrevocably changed them and changed their communities, and that changed the world.

The premise for these station meditations is that resurrection changes the way we see everything. Jesus started his ministry saying ‘Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’ Biblically speaking, to repent doesn’t mean to feel sorry or muster up a healthy dose of regret. It means to undergo a complete 180 degree change of mind, heart, and perspective. And on the other side of His resurrection encounters, we see this about-face change in his followers.

I believe we are still invited to a perspective change that changes the world. At least in the world we inhabit. Each one of the stations draws from the resurrection story and invites us into a change of perspective: one that affected the followers back then, and one that invites the followers right now.”