

# Clear Lake United Methodist Church

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Rev. Sylvester Holima, Pastor



Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30 am

EASTER SUNDAY

## GATHERING

*Flourish – John Cook*

*Grand Rejoicing – Fred Back*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen This Day – Flor Peeters*

## PROCESSIONAL

## CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

*I Love You With The Love Of The Lord – Jim Gilbert*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## RESPONSIVE READING

Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God's people:

"The LORD's mighty power has done it!

**His power has brought us victory— his mighty power in battle!"**

Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the LORD!

**This is the gate of the LORD; only the righteous can come in.**

I praise you, LORD, because you heard me, because you have given me victory.

**The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.**

This was done by the LORD; what a wonderful sight it is!

**This is the day of the LORD's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – Verses 1-4  
(With Handbells)*

UMH #302

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT AND EPISTLE READINGS:** Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## ANTHEM

*Up from the Grave He Arose  
(with Brass, Reeds, and Pipes)*

Choir and Congregation  
UMH #322

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 20:1-18

<b>MESSAGE</b>	"The Power of His Resurrection"	Pastor Sylvester
<b>*THE DOXOLOGY</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		
<b>*CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Thine Be the Glory</i>	UMH #308
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Hymn to Joy (Theme by Beethoven)</i> arr. Roger C. Wilson	David Underwood

**Worship Leaders**

**Pastor** – Sylvester Holima  
**Choir Director** – Colton Ironside  
**Accompanist** – Mary Jane Crail  
**Liturgist** – Lesley Finn

**Media**

**Sound/Slides** – Mark Brandt  
**Streaming** – Kathy Larsen

**Hospitality**

**Greeters** – David and Pat Hansen, Shaun Finn

**Today's Music:** Thanks to our handbell team for ringing in our first hymn; and to our instrumental group for accompanying the anthem, arranged by Dave Underwood.

**Celebrating 150 years of: UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE**

This hymn was inspired by the story of the angel at the empty tomb of Jesus who said to the frightened women who had come to the tomb, "He is not here; he has risen." [Luke 24:6](#) NIV

The text was written, and the tune was composed in 1874 by Robert Lowry. He had moved to preach at the First Baptist Church in Lewisburg, PA, where he also served as a professor at Bucknell University.

One evening Robert Lowry was having his nightly devotions and was thinking about the events associated with Christ's death and resurrection. He soon found himself sitting at a small pump organ in the parlor of his home. In a very spontaneous fashion, Lowry penned the words and music for the song that echoed in his mind.

The hymn was only one of more than 500 hymns written by Robert Lowry, who also edited over twenty hymnals. He said, "I am always amazed at how quickly some of our favorite hymns were written". This one was no exception. Other hymns you may be familiar with that he wrote were *Nothing But The Blood of Jesus*, *Shall We Gather at the River*, and *I Need Thee Every Hour*. Many of the hymns written by Lowry became very popular and have been used and sung at evangelistic revivals and in churches all over the world.

Lowry's hymn, *Up From the Grave He Arose*, begins slowly in a dirge-like tone, and then the refrain switches into a joyous melody. Since the words are all about Jesus' amazing victory over the grave, it's no surprise the hymn has become an Easter tradition at churches everywhere!