

# Easter Sunday

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11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service



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## ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won* arr. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

It is the news that life and love always wins  
that calls us to live that truth this day and all days.  
For as we live in charity and steadfast love, God dwells with us!  
The light of Christ is never extinguished.  
Christ the Lord is risen today!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN UMH 302, verses 1, 2, 4

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together:

**Come, Resurrected Jesus,  
Rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,  
shake the tired foundations  
until unjust institutions crumble...  
until our complacency is put to death...  
until we are fully aware that our lives are intertwined  
with every other life on the planet...  
Then lift from the dust and rubble a new creation.**

Come, Resurrected Jesus,  
Enter our lives, whisper our names  
And scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.  
Give your silent strength to all who are frightened,  
And restore to us the fullness of life.

**Come, Resurrected Jesus!  
Help us find ourselves in vital places,  
bringing your Word and freedom  
to the poor, the oppressed, the outcast.  
Call us, lead us, urge us,  
to let justice roll down today and all days!  
Amen! Alleluia!**

THE PEACE

Shout this great good news to all who will listen:  
"LOVE WINS!"

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON *Ahead of Us* The Reverend Kelly Lyn Logue

PRAYER POEM

*New Life*

As the womb of nature opens to birth new life,  
we celebrate your regenerative energy, life-giving God.  
That which lay dormant is resurrected;  
that which appeared dead is now alive.  
As buds cannot resist the sun's power,  
the power of your Son's love  
is irresistible to all who feel its embrace.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Benson Memorial UMC Family, for your understanding, creative willingness, and imagination to worship and be together in new ways! We have been directed at the urging of our Bishop Hope Morgan Ward to cease all gatherings and worship services for the foreseeable future. We will continue to inform you of changes and updates through church-wide emails, our [website](#), and [Facebook](#). Check out the changes to the home page on our website, where you'll find the links to worship services, how to give online, and everything you need to stay engaged.

Please remember that the needs and expenses of the church continue even when we aren't together. If you have been reluctant to give online in previous times, we urge you to consider giving online for this season. You can give online at [bensonmemorial.org/give/](http://bensonmemorial.org/give/), set up an automated draft or bill pay service, or mail your giving to 4706 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612.

As an act of love and care for our community, the church office is closed until May 18 in observance of the Wake County Stay-At-Home order. Staff members will be monitoring incoming mail, emails, and voicemail regularly. If you have a pastoral need or emergency after those hours, please call the pastor-on-call number, (919) 342-8849. Please know that we are committed to being available to you, our church family, even though we can't be together in person.

We hope you will continue to join us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m at [facebook.com/bensonmemorialumc/](https://facebook.com/bensonmemorialumc/), as we worship together online.

Please continue to pray for those whose lives are at stake in the midst of this health crisis: our health care providers, first responders, all who are sick, and all who are anxious. Know that your pastors and church staff are praying for you and are here for you. We're in this together!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13)

### Youth Easter Celebration Today!

You won't want to miss our Youth Easter Celebration that will include Easter Bingo with Pat Lee today at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP [Cortney Babajtis](#) to get your Easter bingo board and the link to the meeting.

### Preschool Fundraiser

The Preschool-Parent Association (PPA) is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser for the Preschool. All monies raised will be used to purchase new age-appropriate equipment and furnishings for the Preschool classrooms and playgrounds. Shirt orders can be placed until April 13. Once the order closes, they will be made and shipped directly to your home. Please help us in supporting our beloved preschool program from afar!

**Here is the link to order:** [www.bonfire.com/benson-memorial-umcp-fundraiser/](http://www.bonfire.com/benson-memorial-umcp-fundraiser/)

### Attention Committee Chairs and Ministry Area Leaders:

Benson Memorial now has a Pro Zoom account that will allow groups of up to 100 participants to meet through video conferencing. Zoom also allows participants to connect via telephone if video conferencing is not available on their personal computers or devices. To schedule a Zoom meeting through the church, please email Pastor Kelly Lyn at [klogue@bensonmemorial.org](mailto:klogue@bensonmemorial.org) with the date and time of your meeting. She will email you the links to join the meeting that you can then send out to your committee/ministry area. To learn more about how to connect via Zoom, [visit this webpage](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to join a meeting.

### Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

Children and parents, you are invited to VBS, Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is now open, and it's free! We fill up fast, so register early! Spots are limited! For more information, contact VBS Director Susan Myrick or Minister of Families and Outreach Cortney Babajtis. *\*SPECIAL NOTE: While we are hoping to go forward with VBS as planned, the uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic makes it impossible for us to know at this time whether that will be the case. Our first priority will always be the health and well-being of the children and volunteers. Please be aware that even though we are accepting registrations, it is possible that this event will be canceled. If this happens, those registered will be notified promptly via email.*

[Child Registration Form](#) | [Volunteer Registration Form](#)



Join Pastor Kelly Lyn at

## SUMMER READING GROUP 2020

TUESDAYS JUNE 16 | JULY 28 | AUGUST 18  
10 AM & 7 PM | YOUTH CENTER

*All are welcome!*

A limited number of books are available for purchase through the church (call 919-787-0789; we will get them to you). All titles are also available in e-book format and through public libraries.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

***Educated: A Memoir*** by Tara Westover (NONFICTION)  
\$15 | [Read about it on Amazon.com.](#)

### TUESDAY, JULY 28

***This is How it Always is*** by Laurie Frankel (FICTION)  
\$10 | [Read about it on Amazon.com.](#)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

***The Book of Joy*** by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, with Douglas Abrams (SPIRITUALITY)  
\$13 | [Read about it on Amazon.com.](#)