

# Holy Humor Sunday

4.11.21

*Remembering the promises of Jesus' resurrection, we laugh in the face of death, knowing because Jesus lives, we too will live.*

Prelude

"I Can't See the Cross (Because My Mask is in the Way)" by Clifton Harris



Welcome & Intro to Holy Humor

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We worship today with joy and humor remembering that Jesus defeated death. But we still make mistakes in life and so we come to God humbly asking for forgiveness. Today, we confess our sins together through song and a familiar tune.

*If you've sinned and you know it clap your hands....  
... If you've sinned and you know it and you're ready to admit it...*

*If you want to be forgiven stomp your feet...  
... If you want to be forgiven and you turn away from sin...*

*If you know that you're forgiven nod your head...  
... If you know that you're forgiven and you really want to live it...*

*If you're grateful for forgiveness do all three....  
... If you're grateful for forgiveness and you want your life to show it....*

Jesus Christ sacrificed himself for our redemption.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed.  
Thanks be to God for God's eternal love! **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn - God Bless You Merry Sinner

Tune: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

**God bless you merry sinner, you're forgiven it is true;  
Remember Christ your Savior has lived and died for you,  
And lives again as King of Kings of saint and sinner, too.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

**In Jerusalem at Calvary that dismal Friday morn,  
Amid the pain and suffering eternal life was born.  
It came with arms outstretched to us, right through the curtain torn.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.  
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

**So sing an halleluiah, for our Savior's victory,  
And shout to all Hosanna, that we have been set free,  
From sin and death and devil's grip throughout eternity.  
We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy, peace and joy.  
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.**

## Prayer

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message – "Road to Emmaus" by Eddie James and Tommy Woodard

## ALCM Virtual Hymn - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

With Jean Calhoun, Linda Weaver, Jen Sabally & Pr. Dawn

### Prayers

It is with a joyful spirit that we join together with the whole church on earth praying for the needs of all creation.

We rejoice with You this day, O Lord, that on the cross, where the world saw You as so weak, You defeated sin, death, and the devil once and for all. It is because of this victory that we experience joy and laughter today. Lord of Joy...**Lift Our Hearts**

We rejoice in the beauty that surrounds us. We give You thanks, O Lord, as the flowers begin to bloom, the grass turns green, and the fields get planted. Show us now how we might be good stewards of Your creation. Lord of Joy...**Lift Our Hearts**

We come to You with much joy and gratefulness in our hearts for the full lives You have given us. Yet we also remember there are people in our lives in need of a healing touch. We humbly ask this day that You would surround them all with Your peace, Your grace, and Your joy. Today we especially pray for.... Lord of Joy...**Lift Our Hearts**

On this day when we celebrate the resurrection, we give You thanks for our loved ones who have gone before us and are reaping the rewards of that promise and gift that You have given to us as well. Today we remember.... Lord of Joy...**Lift Our Hearts.**

We rejoice in the many unexpected ways that You, O Lord, show up in our lives each day. Lord of Joy...**Lift Our Hearts**

We laugh, we smile, and we give You thanks because You have promised to hear our prayers. So it is in the name of the risen Christ that we lift these prayers to You. **Amen.**

### Offering of Gifts and Jokes

**Announcements** - Outdoor, in-person worship next Sunday, Adult Education, GWOH Sunday – May 2

### Sending Song - Joy to the World

**Joy to the World, the Lord's alive, Awake, rejoice and sing!  
It's just as He had said, He's risen from the dead.  
Salvation now He brings, Salvation now He brings,  
Salvation, salvation now He brings.**

**Joy to the World, the empty tomb, Proclaims a victory.  
Of light compelling, A great dispelling  
Of darkness in the world, Of darkness in the world,  
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.**

**Joy to the World, Our Savior reigns,  
Let Heaven and earth proclaim. The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

## Blessing & Dismissal

Let us share the joy and love of the resurrection.  
So go with God's blessing to laugh, to dance and to sing God's praises.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace and rejoice in the Lord always!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## The Covid Bloopers Reel