

**STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,**  
**and Serving the World with Love**  
**10:45 A.M. Online Worship**                      **April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit:            **“Easter Chimes”**                      Charles Demorest

Call to Worship (responsively):

- One: “Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome very early on Sunday morning went to the tomb. . . They looked up and saw that the stone had been rolled back.”
- All: *The fact that the tomb was found empty is the reason we gather in worship on Easter morning.*
- One: Interestingly, the women’s reaction on the first Easter was one of alarm and fear. This was true when they entered the tomb and found Jesus’ body missing. The writer Mark also suggests the women “ran from the tomb . . . because they were afraid.”
- All: *We understand what it means to be afraid. Our fear results from being*
- *haunted by memories from the past,*
  - *caught off guard by the unexpected,*
  - *amazed at news which is too good to be true,*
  - *or scared regarding an unknown future.*
- One: The youth sitting in the empty tomb said to the three women, “Do not be alarmed. Jesus is not here—he has been raised.”
- All: *We rejoice that we have an Easter faith and give thanks for the difference the reality of the risen Christ makes in our lives.*

Invocation

Hymn:            **“Thine Is the Glory”**                      #269

Scripture Reading                                      **Mark 16:1-8**

*“So the women entered the tomb, where they saw a young man . . . and they were alarmed. . . They ran from the tomb, distressed and terrified. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.”*

Interlude:            **“Jesus Paid It All”**                      Arr. Mary McDonald

Message                      **“Running away from Easter”**

Special Music            **“And Can It Be”**                      Dan Forrest

Congregation at Prayer

Hymn:            **“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**                      #278

Sending

Postlude

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS  
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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Interim Pastor – JD Glick  
Worship Leader – Marilyn Garber  
Music Director - David MacMillan  
Organist/Pianist - Gaylon Hevener  
Organ/Piano Duet — Gaylon Hevener and Kathy MacMillan  
Quartet — Bob Armbruster, Jerry Fawley,  
David MacMillan and Alan Shull