



Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

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10 AM Easter Sunday
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE: *"Christ is Risen, Hallelujah/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* – Bell Choir

Please Stand

WELCOME

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Savior is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Yesterday we thought death had won.

All: Yesterday we thought all was lost.

L: Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

All: But not today.

L: Today we know that love has won.

All: Today we know that hope is real.

L: Today we know that Christ is here.

All: We have a reason to hope.

L: We have a reason to sing!

All: Alleluia!

L: Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen today.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Christ's resurrection and life are our peace. Let us share signs of this life and peace with one another. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P: Children of our Living Redeemer, on this most holy morning when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection; share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

All: In flame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

P: Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. To Christ belongs time and eternity; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

All: Amen.

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

All: Amen. Alleluia.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"

vs 1,2,4



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

P: Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility.

All: Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected One. Amen.

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

EASTER LITANY: by Roddy Hamilton

L: When the day is quiet and the world still sleeps and the morning is crisp,

All: we praise you, O God of resurrection.

L: When the time is now and the moment is on us and the place is here and the grave clothes are folded,

All: we praise you, O God of renewal.

L: When the day is new and the sun is fresh and the light is clean and the stone has rolled,

All: we praise you, O God of empty tombs.

L: Now we see the world differently.

All: What we thought was the way of things yesterday is no longer the way of things today.

L: Death was yesterday,

All: new life is today.

L: Tombs were sealed,

All: now they are open.

L: Love was dead,

All: now Love is alive again.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Risen Christ, Savior of the world, breathe new life into us this day.

All: Inspire us with confidence and open our hearts anew, that we may receive the promise of resurrection.

L: Speak to us once more,

All: that we might hear your voice and recognize your presence in our midst.

L: From the darkness of doubt,

All: guide us into the glorious life of faith and love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

R: Hear now the good news of Easter.

All: It spreads throughout the world.

R: It began with Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection;

All: it continued with those who witnessed the risen Christ;

R: and now, it comes to us today,

All: as we listen to God's word.

The first reading is from Acts, chapter ten, beginning with the thirty-fourth verse.

READING: *Acts 10: 34-43*

So Peter said to them, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality—rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. This is the message God has sent to the people of Israel, the Good News of peace proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is Savior of all.

"You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by everyone, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God—that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name."

R: Holy wisdom, holy word,

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

P: The Easter Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

All: Glory be to you, O Creator.

EASTER GOSPEL: *John 20:1-18*

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain.

They asked her, “Why are you weeping?”

She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.”

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"

She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!"—which means "Teacher".

Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!'"

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the Savior had said to her.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: May this powerful Easter story inspire us to proclaim our faith. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME: "*Cross My Heart*" – Carmen Blair



Please Stand

HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" vs. 1,2,4



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re- turns to life once more;
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

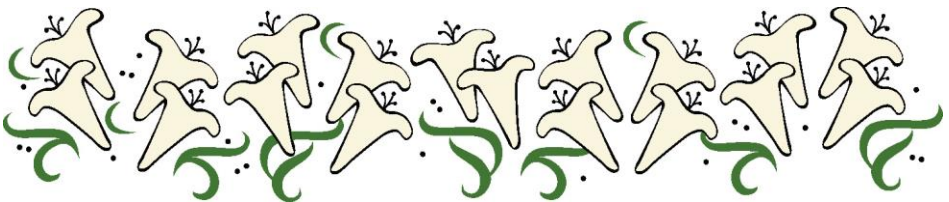


Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Be Seated

AN EASTER MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

Please Stand



EASTER AFFIRMATION

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: On this day of joy and light, during this celebration of hope and rebirth,

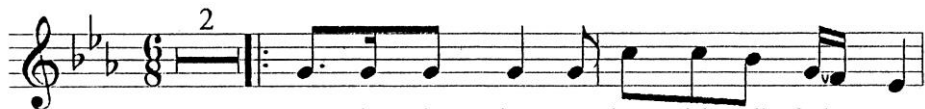
All: **may we give from our abundance in order to extend Christ's love to a weary world.**

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



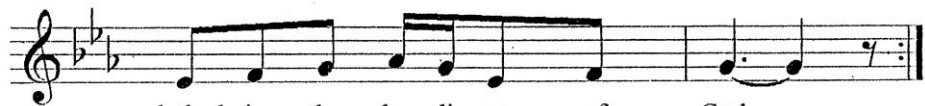
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



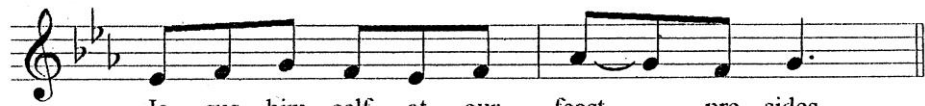
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy,

**All: especially for the good news of the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.**

L: May these offerings, and indeed our very lives,

**All: become a witness to all people of the salvation and
grace, you bring into the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Savior.

All: Amen.



CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Open up your hearts.

All: We open them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

All: It is good to do so.

P: God, you created everything. You make it good and beautiful.

All: You make bread for our food and wine for us to celebrate.

P: You celebrate when you create and fill the earth with your splendor.

All: Fill our hearts with the same joy as we celebrate your resurrection.

P: Jesus, our healer, you came into our broken world.

All: You were broken for us in order that we might be healed.

P: You rose from the grave to unleash new life in the world.

All: Fill our lives with the same life as we celebrate your resurrection.

P: We are bold to ask this of you because on the night you were betrayed, you sat with your disciples, took bread, said blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

All: Feed us with your healing body now.

P: Then you took the cup, said a blessing, and gave it to your disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Each time you do this, do it in remembrance of me."

All: Revive us with your life-giving blood.

P: Holy Spirit, you bring us together to sing and love and celebrate the Risen Messiah.

All: Fill our spirits with the same hope of a day when all things will be together.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: We come to God's table, remembering that this is the Easter table of abundance for all.

All: We come, knowing that all are welcome and all things are made ready for us in Christ Jesus.

Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the bread into, then take a cup of wine (red) grape juice (yellow) or water (center of tray) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.



LAMB OF GOD

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Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the

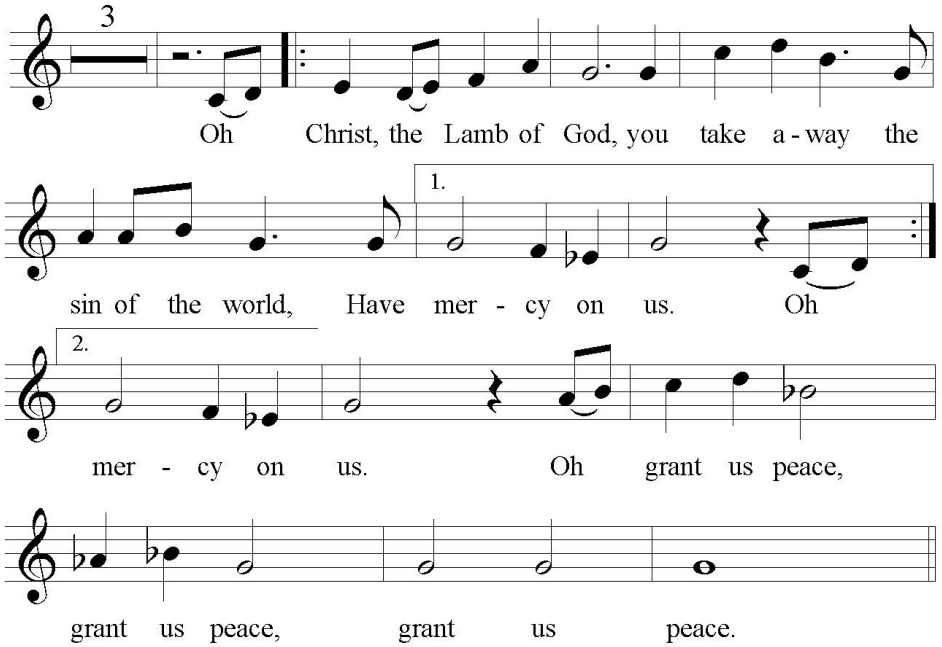
1.

sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

2.

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3-measure rest. The lyrics 'Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh'. It features a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff starts with a second ending bracket over the first two measures, with the lyrics 'mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.



COMMUNION HYMN: "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!" vs. 1,4,5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia.
Christ is risen!

COMMUNION HYMN: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” vs. 1 – 3



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -



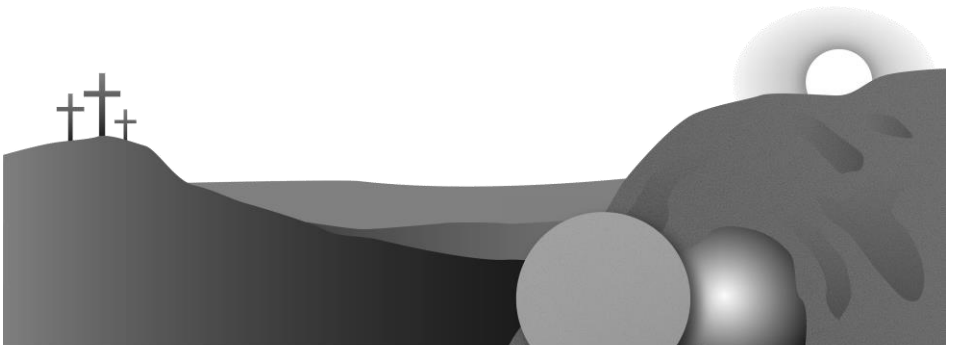
an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



COMMUNION HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives;
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Open the gates of your hope and truth, O God.

All: Open our ears to hear your voice, when you call us by name.

P: Open our minds to recognize your presence in the bread and wine and as you walk beside us.

All: Live in us, that we may be signs of life and love for a world shrouded in sorrow and fear.

POST COMMUNION LITANY

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

All: With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

L: Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GODSPEED TO KEITH HILLESLAND AND RICHARD TAYLAN

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,

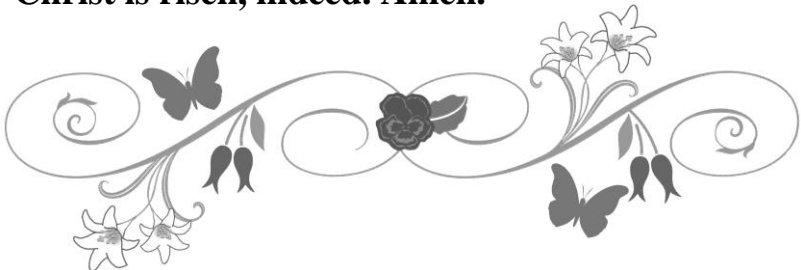
All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.

P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: "Thine Is the Glory" vs. 1,2



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

No formal ushering out.

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Easter Breakfast



Please stay for an Easter Breakfast immediately following the service. The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:30 am. Visitors, please sign our Guest Book and visit our website –

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EASTER GARDEN

Thanks to all who contributed plants, including:

Joann Anderson in memory of Elmer & Violet Anderson,
Richard Charles Anderson, and Ralph & Marilyn Wieters

Carmen Blair in memory of Ed Blair, and in honor of Karyl Blair

The Blevins Family in memory/honor of Maki
and Blevins dearly departed,

The Crabtree Family in memory of Orval Engel

The Di Paola Family in memory of Susan Morgan,
and in honor of John & Janet Di Paola

Cindy Franco in memory of Mandy & Larry Franco

The Harren Family in memory of Jim Lehman

Linda Headrick in memory of Ann Brannen,
and Mary, Myer, and Daniel Headrick

Gina Herman in honor of "Rusty" Warren

Keith Hillesland and Richard Taylan in memory of
Harold & Jeanne Hillesland

The Huff Family in memory of our grandparents,
and in honor of our children and families

Claudette Haskins in honor of parents, sibling, and in-laws

Carmen Jorgenson in honor of Ted A. Jorgenson

Kate in honor of Kimberly

Kathleen Keating in memory of Arnold & Ellen Stenfors,
Richard & Lois Keating, and Diane Kuhlmann

Art & Cheryl Kuhlmann in memory of our parents and grandparents

The MacFarlane Family in memory of parents and grandparents

Terri MacFarlane in honor of my friends and HTLC

The Miedema Family in memory of Opa (Simon) and Oma (Sandy)

The Schaefer Family in honor of Ernie

The Smith Family in honor of our departed family members

Faye & John Williams in memory of parents

