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Service of Worship Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

11:05am



*Gathering all People
in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "I Danced in the Morning" arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Linda Dover, organist

THE STORY OF EASTER Matthew 28:1-10
One: We are here as a congregation only because many faithful
disciples have listened to Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid.
Go and tell, Jesus has been raised!"

ALL: He is risen indeed!

*HYMN 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

PROCESSION OF SYMBOLS OF THE FAITH



*EASTER LITANY (*responsive*)

One: Our Easter God, now we know: all is grace upon grace.

**ALL: All is a gift. You give us all good things: life and love; daily
bread and water that quenches our thirst; friends and faith.**

One: Most of all, in your Son, Jesus, you meet us with a love that will
never let us go; you utter words of mercy and forgiveness that
override the hurts, and heal our brokenness; you offer new
beginnings where we had expected only dead ends.

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise for the mystery of your suffering
love that gives us life.**

One: We give you thanks and praise that you know our weakness and
hear our prayers.

**ALL: We give you thanks and praise that all our dying and living is
held in your good keeping.**

One: Now we know: You are grace upon grace! You are a gift! We give
you thanks and praise.

BEARING WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

*(You are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross in honor of the ways
in which you have experienced Christ's resurrection in your life whether it be: death, a
new job, reconnecting with someone, a new phase in life, letting go of a bad habit,
embracing a new call, finding a new way that God is working in your life, etc.)*

HYMN 157 (*seated*) "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE

Interlude between verses

HYMN 250 (*seated*) "In the Bulb There is a Flower" PROMISE

HYMN 240 (*seated*) "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA NO. 1

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Adagio" from *Symphony No. V* Ch. M. Widor

*HYMN ANTHEM (*standing*) "Lift High the Cross" arr. Paul Wright
Congregation, Chancel Choir, Chancel Brass,
Percussion, & Organ
(See insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER



*Equipping People to Develop and Share
a Faith That Works in Real Life*

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18 Lisa Cox
(New Testament, Page 114)

Holy wisdom, holy words!
Thanks be to God!

SUNG PROCLAMATION "Rejoice, The Lord is King" arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir & String Trio

SERMON "Andy Walks With Me" Revs. Mitch and Sue Trigger

*HYMN 251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!" MFURAHINI,HALELUYA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*spoken together*)

**Easter turns doubts upside down, sets loose new possibilities, reveals a
God stronger than death, a love mightier than despair.**

**Easter brings us to the risen Christ, who knows our wounds, forgives
our denials, sends us out to love and serve; who is not bound by a
period in history but finds us wherever we journey; who receives our
questions, whispers a word of peace and causes our hearts to be
warmed.**

**Easter releases the Holy Spirit, setting us free from the sins that wound,
resentments that smolder, anger that burns; empowering us to be
witnesses to truth and obedient to a higher authority; causing us to
walk with joy in our steps, hope in our hearts and a song on our lips.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Sending People to Serve Christ in the World

OFFERING OF WELCOME, GIFTS, AND MUSIC

"Praeludium"

by J.S. Bach

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

When passing the bread say: "This is the bread of life given for you."

When passing the wine/juice say: "This is the cup of hope poured out for you."

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*(The trays contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer gluten-free
crackers, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*

Communion Music "Easter Hymn" arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
Charter Ringers
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

Hymn 526 (*seated*) "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD

"Praise the Lord With Shouts of Joy" by William E. Gross
Charter Ringers

The Prayer After Communion

*HYMN ANTHEM 238 "Thine Be the Glory" G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir, Chancel Brass, Percussion, & Organ arr. J. Marty Cope
(Congregation joins on v. 1 & 3 on cue.)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" by Paul Manz

** = If convenient/able, please stand.*

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