

April 4, 2021

* = All who are able please stand. **boldface** = Congregation participates

Easter Sunday

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Alleluia! God of glory, we praise you this miraculous morning for life and love and togetherness. May your Holy Spirit enter our very being to help us sing your praises not only with our words but our actions, this day and all days. Amen.

PRELUDES: *The Day of Resurrection* arr. B. Glyncannon
This Joyful Eastertide (17c Dutch tune) arr. Dale Wood

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, family in Christ, hear the good news: Jesus Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: The Lord is my strength and my might; I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: We thank you God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

MUSIC:

In the Bulb There is a Flower

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, even in the midst of our Alleluias, we must be honest with ourselves, and with you. For the times when you call our attention to your life-changing resurrection, and we focus only on the empty tomb,

forgive us. For the times when we let terror and fear rule our behavior, instead of amazement, forgive us. For the times we forget that this day should dramatically change our lives, and we keep doing the same old things, forgive us. Lord hear all our prayers of confession, and transform us through death and resurrection in you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Beloved family in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: the tomb is empty!

People: Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave! That which was dead is alive!

Leader: No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God! Our sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Whenever we get together... it will be Easter!*

Responding to the Word

SPECIAL MUSIC: *A Joyful Ring*

4th & 5th Grade Ringers

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Serve

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **& Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

MUSIC: *Thine is the Glory*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Hallelujah Chorus*

by G. H. Handel arr. E. Broughton

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Darlene Richards, Organ

Tom Ebsen, Reader

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director