

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G major" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF NEW LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

ALL: We are called to be Easter people!

One: Darkness cannot contain us!

ALL: Fear cannot bind us!

One: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Let us sing our Alleluias!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" **No. 304**

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER "In the Garden" No. 314 (vs. 1 only)

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own.

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "He Lives, He Lives" Bryan Jeffery Leech

Brass: Josh Wagner, Julie Schleif, Mike Hunter, Dave Hester

A READING BEFORE HEARING THE GOSPEL (see insert)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 1-12

(NT p. 90)

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Someone to Guide Us through the Cave”

SPOKEN WORD

“Jesus Is. . .”

Kam Perry

GIVING VOICE TO AN EASTER CREED

Men/Boys: We believe in the God of Easter morning
Who awakes us from darkest dreams
And leads us into the light of a new day,
Who meets our pessimism
With stunning hope
Of angelic proclamation.

Women/Girls: I believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us on all our detours.

**ALL: I believe in the God of Easter evening
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing peace and crushing our fear, if we’re listening.
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us
with wounds on his hands and feet;
Who grants us his spirit, sending us out
To bring Shalom to the world. Amen.**

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD’S WORK

Offertory Hymn “Now Sing the Gospel Story” (see insert)

*Doxology No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

No. 302 (vs. 1-4)

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“He Lives”

“Toccata”

adapted Jeffrey Cobb

Charles-Marie Widor