

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

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 CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

***HYMN** **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”** **No. 302**

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. 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

HYMN **“Easter People Raise Your Voices”** **No. 304**

PRAYER AND ASSURANCE

Gracious God, you walk patiently with us. You celebrate our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you mourn our failures and rejections of your mercies. As we gather to celebrate the joy of Easter, help us to make a new beginning. Help us become “Easter People”, who seek to live in the power of Christ’s resurrection. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your loving Spirit that we may be disciples of your way, truth and life this world. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have new life through the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Joan Pinkston
*Featuring Trumpets: Dave Hester, Josh Wagner, Elijah Cobb; Horn: Julie Schleif;
 and Trombone: Mike Hunter*

King of kings, and Lord of lords! Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, or Lord, and glorify thy name? For only thou art holy, King of kings! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died. Be thou, o Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20: 1-18 (NT p. 114)
Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Resurrection: Then and Now"

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel. Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance (see insert)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Doxology for Easter

Praise God who shines in Easter's rays. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN JOY

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT "At the Font We Start Our Journey" No. 2114**

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

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 *POSTLUDE "Toccata" Charles-Marie Widor