

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY
April 21, 2019
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

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF NEW LIFE

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For those who first went out
into the early dawn, when the sky was grey,
taking spices to the tomb -
there was the risk of terror and surprise.

**ALL: For us here, resisting the impulse to sleep in this morning,
Thinking we already have our take on the Easter story,
there is the risk of complacency and been-there-done-that.**

One: So let us open ourselves
to the astounding possibility
that Life can break out at any moment!

**ALL: Let us challenge the thought
that we have planned the future
so efficiently that there will be no surprises!**

One: Let us face the fact
that the walls of this church,
and the life of our institutions,
cannot fully contain Jesus Christ, any more than a tomb can!

**ALL: O, let us celebrate
the irrepressible power of God!
Christ is alive! Halleluiah!**

*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. This, this is where
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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

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 "Life Everlasting" Jeffrey Cobb

Brass: Dave Hester, Scott Sorenson, Julie Schleif, Mike Hunter

Oh Creator of the universe, who set each star in the sky; You have given breath to every life, and know our every heartbeat; You silence the winds of doubt, as your light shines beyond the shadows; On bended knee, we seek your grace, and your vow of a life everlasting. We praise you for your wisdom, and feel your ever-present hand; As we walk with you, Lord, guide our steps, so that we may better follow you; Let us behold your splendors, give us courage to face our fears; Lord, show us the way to your righteousness, bless us with your joy and salvation. You have offered us seeds of salvation, each sprout to reveal a hidden purpose. For the garden of tomorrow blooms in what we sow today. Like the lily that blossoms each spring, the roots of the soul are eternal. As years fade into a thousand sunsets, the Light of the World shines within us. Through your mercy and your tenderness, you have sent the world a Messiah; The Prince of Peace who brings us hope, and a promise that love conquers all; A crown of thorns for our Savior, His blood shed for all mankind; His sacrifice has freed us all to wave palms of victory. We honor the resurrection, and the triumph of spirit over flesh; We are the branches, He the vine, for apart from Him we cannot grow; All who are lost will be found, and all wrongs will be made right; like the mighty sea, Lord, lift us up, as the waves wash away our sin. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia. Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia. Raise your joy and triumphs high, Alleluia. Sing, ye heavens and earth, reply: Alleluia!

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.

Walking The Way of Jesus

MESSAGE "God Makes a Way Out of No Way"

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION (see below)

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

OFFERTORY HYMN "Now Sing the Gospel Story" (see below)

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 302

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Forth with God" Grier and Everson

*POSTLUDE "Toccata" Charles-Marie Widor

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION

One: We believe in the extravagant debonair God of Christ Jesus,
who clothes the wild flowers
dressing them so superbly
that they outdo King Solomon in all his glory;
who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small,
who feeds even the raven and lowly opossum.

**ALL: We believe in the generous God of Christ Jesus
the Source of abundance,
full of grace and truth.**

MEN / BOYS: We believe in the extravagant God of Christ Jesus,
who turns the other cheek,
goes the second mile,
turns water into the best wine,
brings healing with his touch and look,
and who honors a woman's love
as she fills the house with extravagant fragrance.

**ALL: We believe in the faith-full God of Christ Jesus,
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,
and stubbornly kept the faith to the very end.**

WOMEN / GIRLS: We believe in the redeeming God of Christ Jesus,
who spared no cost,
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,
had time for a dying thief at his side,
and who on the third day

did a thing so jaw-dropping
that even his friends were tongue-tied with joy.

**ALL: We believe in this God,
the Source of our un-doing and our re-doing,
the maker of Easter always following Good Friday,
wherever we turn and no matter what we do.
Amen.**

Offertory Hymn "Now Sing the Gospel Story"
(Sung to the tune: "The Day of Resurrection")

Now sing the gospel story, the news we have received!
To God be all the glory for what we now believe:
Christ died to take our sinning; the scriptures say it's true!
It seemed that death was winning, yet God makes all things new.

There's news by which God saves us, if we believe God's way;
See! Death cannot enslave us; God gave us Easter Day.
For Christ our Lord was buried, the scriptures say it's true!
His friends all grieved and worried, yet God made all things new.

God raised him on a Sunday; the women saw the joy.
Then Peter and the others learned death could not destroy.
Then many more bore witness; the scriptures say it's true!
God's love for us is endless, for God makes all things new.

We sing the gospel story that Jesus is the Christ.
He is God's Son! Give glory! Through him, God gives us life.
For he was the beginning; he also is the end.
Christ Jesus is our Savior, our Lord and God. Amen!