



## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 31, 2024

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God's transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us. Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities. Christ is alive and living among us!*

*As we light the candles, we acknowledge that there is still pain and suffering in the world, but we place our trust in God and in the way shown by Jesus Christ. In the midst of darkness, there is light.*

*In the pain of death, there is life. In the face of what appear to us to be overwhelming odds, God is at work in us and in the world, working for justice and peace, compassion and love, and life abundant. Christ is risen in us, for wherever we gather in his name, he is there.*

**Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!**

HYMN\*            *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*            232

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Gracious God, we have heard the good news:  
how on the third day, Christ rose again.*

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

*You rolled away the stone from the tomb.*

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

*You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.*

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

*You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!*

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

**(silence)**

*Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise  
and to believe the good news of resurrection.*

**Christ is alive! Jesus is risen from the dead! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

RESPONSE TO PARDON, #251, *chorus*

**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.**

**Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 10:34-43                      Lucian Robinson

OFFERING OF MUSIC    Adult Choir  
*“Acclamation for Easter”*

GOSPEL\* - Mark 16:1-8

SERMON    Linda Dickerson  
*“What Are You Afraid Of?”*

HYMN\*    *“Christ Is Alive”*    246

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,*

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

*Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control,  
govern or finance the affairs of humankind.*

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

*Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,*

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

*Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies,  
and in the quiet corners of our hearts,*

**Jesus Christ is Lord!**

*Thanks be to God!*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. Alleluia! Amen!**

OFFERING OF MUSIC    Handchimes Choir  
*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN\*

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE,\* 243 (*sing Twice*)      *Congregation and Choir*

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
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Christ is risen, alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW

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*To those who are weary and need rest;  
To all who are lonely and need friends;  
To all who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but ought;  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
And to whosoever comes –  
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*