

**CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude

***Easter Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening #288 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *Easter Hymn*

***Call to Worship** *A Song of Victory*

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
“His steadfast love endures forever!”

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through
them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter
through it.**

We thank you, Lord, that you have answered us and have
become our salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

“His steadfast love endures forever!”

Psalm 118:1-4, 19-24, 29 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

***Songs of Praise #294** “Christ Arose” *Robert Lowry*

***Invocation Prayer** The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Alleluia #293 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” *W Zlobie Lezy*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Spirit **Acts 10:34-43**

A Reading from the Apostles **Colossians 3:1-4**

***A Reading from the Gospels** **Matthew 28:1-10**

***Responsorial #314** “The Easter Song” **Worship Team**

The Prayer of the Congregation and Community

Invitation to Giving & Offertory

Message “The Resurrection: Afraid with Great Joy!”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – We practice *open communion*. All
persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of
this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church
to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until
everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Song “Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)” **WT**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

The Lord’s Supper – Holy Communion

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*
Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*** Song #447** **“Because He Lives”** *Resurrection*

***Spoken Benediction** **The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

Postlude

*Please stand if able

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song or speak with the Minister or one of the Church leaders.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Homebound delivery is available upon request.



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#288 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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#294 Christ Arose!

- 1 Low in the grave he lay—
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord!

- REFRAIN:** Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
- 2 Vainly they watch his bed—
Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord! **[Refrain]**
 - 3 Death cannot keep his prey--
Jesus my Savior,
he tore the bars away--
Jesus my Lord! **[Refrain]**

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CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

- 1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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#314 EASTER SONG

Verse Hear the bells ringing they're singing
That we can be born again
Hear the bells ringing they're singing
Christ is risen from the dead
The angel up on the tombstone said
He is risen just as He said
Quickly now go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead

Chorus Joy to the world
He is risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia alleluia (Alleluia)

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COMMUNION HYMN (BEHOLD THE LAMB)

Verse 1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in
faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2 The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings
us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

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Verse 3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
 Shed for you drink and remember
 He drained death's cup that all may enter
 In
 To receive the life of God
 So we share in this Bread of Life
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of grace
 Around the table of the King

Verse 4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
 To respond and to remember
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
 As His body here on earth
 As we share in His suffering
 We proclaim Christ will come again
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven
 Around the table of the King

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Verse 1 God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
 He came to love heal and forgive
 He bled and died to buy my pardon
 An empty grave is there to prove
 My Savior lives

Chorus Because He lives I can face tomorrow
 Because He lives all fear is gone
 Because I know He holds the future
 And life is worth the living
 Just because He lives

Verse 2 How sweet to hold our newborn baby
 And feel the pride and joy he gives
 But greater still the calm assurance
 This child can face uncertain days
 Because Christ lives

Verse 3 And then one day I'll cross that river
 I'll fight life's final war with pain
 And then as death gives way to vict'ry
 I'll see the lights of glory
 And I'll know He reigns

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