

# EASTER CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 9, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

## \*Easter Proclamation:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Gathering Song #288 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *EASTER HYMN*

## \*Call to Worship

God loves us with an everlasting love.

God's faithfulness reaches beyond even the bounds of death!

**Sing aloud the glad songs of victory!**

**Tell of God's steadfast love!**

For Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected,  
has become the chief cornerstone, the foundation of a whole new creation.

**We shall not die, but we shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord!**

This is the gate of the Lord;

The righteous shall enter through it.

**Come, let us worship the Lord our God!**

<sup>†</sup>Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

\*Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Faith #294 "Christ Arose!" *CHRIST AROSE*

Proclamation of Faith & Forgiveness The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Alleluia #295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *LLANFAIR*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Laurie Dewey

The First Reading Acts 10:34-43

The Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ John 20:1-18

\*Responsorial #314 "The Easter Song" Worship Team

\*Passing the Peace with Family, Friends, and Neighbors (Stand)

Children's Sermon (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

## Announcements & Prayers of the Community

**Prayer of Dedication – Hear our glad songs of victory, O God; for your right hand is exalted, where the risen Christ is seated in power. As you have won the victory over death, so let our lives of worship and service, and all our gifts, be guided toward and serve your eternal kingdom and life in the resurrection; in the name of our Victorious Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations -** A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Prayer and The Message "Arise!: A Message of Hope and Promise"  
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. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Communion Song "What A Beautiful Name" Worship Team

**The Prayer of Institution and 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, the power, and the glory forever.

### Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of the 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 (Stand)

#### \*Closing Hymn #302 (Stand)

"He Lives"

ACKLEY

#### \*Spoken Benediction (Stand)

The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

#### \*Postlude

Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

\*Please stand if able

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**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 or her personal Savior and publicly professes to walk the Jesus way. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

**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 are welcome to partake at the Table of the Lord, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation. We use only non-alcoholic grape juice.



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*In his great mercy he has given us...  
a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1 PETER 1:3 (NIV)

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Easter!

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