



# EASTER SUNDAY

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Meeting ID: 202 185 2147 / Passcode: 243239

## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**PRELUDE**

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today** Evans

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair  
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.  
And it is true. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We hear a voice call our name,  
and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN**

**Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

**UMH 304**

## OPENING PRAYER

O God of Easter joy, we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. May this time of worship help us to truly and fully experience this Risen Christ. May we be transformed. transformed into your butterfly people, winging through the earth with messages of beauty, hope and life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

## MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Kyla Johnson

### John 20: 1-18 (NRSV)

- 1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

- 11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- 12** and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 13** They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”
- 14** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”
- 16** Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).
- 17** Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”
- 18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## RESPONSE

This is the word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

**This Joyful Eastertide, Hirschman**

## SERMON

**My God, and Your God**

Heeyoung Lim

## OFFERING SONG

I Surrender all (v.1)

UMH 354

## GIVING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

UMH 95

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic

message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER HYMN

Let there be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

## EASTER COMMUNAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

He Lives

UMH 310

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” Handel

Joanne Reed, Organ and Piano

Brass Quintet: Bob Harley, Tom Offerjost, Trumpets

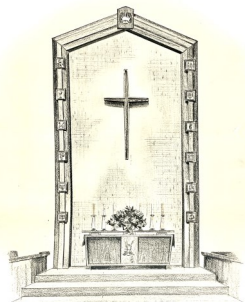
Pete Pauliks, French Horn

Warren Beckman, Trombone

Matt Killian, Tuba

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER LIST



Family and friends of Erva, Marion's brother.

Family and friends of Alan Cardullo, Dana's brother.

Grace Damiano, Gloria Kluger, Carol Caputo, Marlon Horn,

Chu & Jinwhan Lee, YoungBum & YoungHee Koo, George.

Jagger, Deborah Holden-Halloway, Jon Egbert, Charles Sieger,

Carmen Dilia Morillo

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