

## EASTER SUNDAY

4/12/20

PRELUDE                                    “Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia”                                    Edward Broughton  
*Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC                                    “The Holy City”                                    Stephen Adams  
Karen Winner-Huff

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Ann Weems “Kneeling in Jerusalem”

**All: Just when we thought  
There would be no more light  
In the Jerusalem sky,  
The Bright and Morning Star  
Appeared  
And the darkness has not overcome it!**

\*OPENING HYMN                                    “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”                                    Vs. 1, 4

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to Redeem our loss, Alleluia*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

UNISON PRAYER CONFESSING OUR NEED FOR GOD'S GRACE:

**O Most Holy God; the events of Easter trumpet the resurrection of Christ and proclaim that death's power over life is bankrupt, calling us to live as those who need fear death no longer. Yet, like the women at the tomb, we are silent, fearing what people may think of us; like the apostles, we dismiss as idle talk the startling news of Christ's liberation; like Thomas, we doubt; and doubting, remain in our fear and indecision. Withal, we fail to live like those for whom Christ died and rose again. God of our faith, we believe; help our unbelief. Then, as you did for the disciples before us, open our eyes to recognize him who even now moves among us in newness of life. Then will we feel the power of resurrection let loose among us and go from this place with courage, rejoicing to do the work of our risen Savior.**

(moment of silence)

SONG OF RENEWAL #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”                                    (chorus only)  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: None of those who ran to the tomb that first Easter morning was prepared for what greeted them when they arrived. So, it should come as no surprise to us that we are ourselves ill-prepared. On the other hand, each of those folk found a risen Christ who was prepared – to replace hopelessness with reassurance, dread with confidence, death with life. Then thanks be to God, who, by grace unbounded gives us a share in the victory of Christ Jesus our Savior.

**People: With awe and wonder, we greet the risen Christ; with praise and thanksgiving, we receive the gift of our own resurrection. Alleluia!**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Palms”  
Karen Winner-Huff, Soprano  
David Huff, Tenor  
Lois Kail, Trumpet

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

## CHILDREN'S STORY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 118:21-27

I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.

The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!

This has happened because of the Lord;  
it is astounding in our sight!

This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

Lord, please save us!

Lord, please let us succeed!

The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed;  
we bless all of you from the Lord's house.

The Lord is God!

He has shined a light on us!

So lead the festival offering with ropes  
all the way to the horns of the altar.

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after

sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

#### RESPONSE

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION, *from Psalm 19* - responsively

Pastor: May the words of my mouth

**People: And the meditations of our hearts**

**All: Be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,  
Our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

#### SERMON

"Christ is Risen Indeed!"

Pastor Barbara Barkley

#### OFFERING OF OURSELVES IN PRAYER

##### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For a vision of you, we give you thanks.

**For your presence every day we give you thanks.**

For resurrection moments all around us we give you thanks.

**Take these our gifts to use for your glory. Amen.**

#### HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;*

*Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.*

*Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.*

*Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE: SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### COMMUNION PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

Vs. 1-3

*Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!*

*All creation join to say: Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!*

*Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*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!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!*

*Where O Death, is now your sting? Alleluia!*

*Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!*

*Where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

*Tune: Judas Maccabens*

Lani Smith

*G. F. Handel*