

The Order for Worship and Celebration

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Preparing for God's Word

PRELUDE WITH CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Joel Raney

Dr. Karen Black, organ; Taemin Han, piano

Gathering Around God's Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind. The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

People: *This is the day that our God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: God opens to us the gates of righteousness. We enter to give thanks to our God.

People: *We give thanks, for our God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: Set your minds on things that are above. Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

People: *We have been raised with Christ. Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

#123, Hymnal

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison).

Christ, we come to the empty tomb, and we see our own emptiness. We remember how we have treated other people—members of our family, friends and neighbors. We search within ourselves and confess that we are people caught up in the pain of our own wrong doing. For some, there is a deep sense of loneliness and frustration over what we would be but are not. O God, when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope. Amen. (silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: People of God, why do you weep? Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for Christ is risen!

People: *Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!*

*RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#577, Hymnal

PASSING THE PEACE *Please greet those around you.*

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Hearing God's Word

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 3:1-4

CHORAL ANTHEM

"O Clap Your Hands"

Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Believe It or Not"

Rev. Amy Wiles

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

#104, Hymnal

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

G. F. Handel

Samantha Kantak, vocal solo; Taemin Han, piano

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#592, Hymnal

Going Out to Live God's Word

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive!"

#108, Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor

**Please stand if you are able*

Joys and Concerns for April 20, 2014

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kim Swallow, University of Iowa Hospitals; Rita Campbell, home,

Pray for our Sister Churches:

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Barnum (Part of the Countryside Ministry)
Rev. James Davis, Bruce Walrod, CRE

Please pray for our partners in mission in the Presbytery of Yukon (Alaska), Earth Day, and Africa, Ghana.

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