

**MARCH 23, 2008
EASTER SUNDAY**

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24: 5*

PROCESSIONAL INTROIT Organist Miah Han
 "Carillon"
 Herbert Murrill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Roxie
We extend a special welcome to all guests. **You come as a guest and leave as family.** CDs (\$2.00) & DVDs (\$5.00) are available of today's worship. **Please put your cell phone on vibrate or turn it off. God will find another way to reach you today.**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
CHIMES OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Brass Ensemble and Timpani with Organ
 "Easter Carillon"
 Robert J. Powell

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist Jennifer Ghandour
(John 20: 14-16)

L: On that first Easter morning Mary Magdalene was in the garden where the dead body of Jesus had been laid. Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

P: Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

L: 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."

P: Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"

Choir: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE Congregation
#113 Christ the LORD Is Risen Today

*THE PEACE Congregation

Liturgist: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please stand and greet one another, saying, "The Peace of the Lord be with you" or some other appropriate phrase.

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor
(After the Children's Message and Prayer, the Preschool children return to the Room B05 downstairs, K-5th graders go upstairs to Room 203. Parents who are visiting and wish to take advantage of classes offered to their children may take their children to class. Christian Education Director, Ms. Peggy is available to help you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist and Congregation
GOD of the universe, we confess that at times Easter eggs and Easter bunnies draw our attention away from the most important event in history—the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST. Forgive our lack of belief in the resurrection. In His resurrection JESUS opens the door to a bright future for the universe and for all of us who believe. We repent. Thank you for JESUS, for His resurrection, and for the first Easter. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

(Let us travel through our memories and confess any sins we come upon.)

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Congregation

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor

*RESPONSE: Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Congregation

#119 The Strife Is O'er

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor

SPECIAL EASTER ANTHEM Jacqueline Miller, vocal solo

"Christ lag in Todesbanden" Miah Han, organ

(Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands)

Text and Melody by Martin Luther

Arr. by Holger Hantke

SCRIPTURE

Pastor

Old Testament Exodus 19: 17-18 (page no. 66)

New Testament Matthew 28: 1 -15 (page no. 33)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Brass Ensemble: Lynn Martin, Mike Ball, Christian Ball

James Brisson, timpani

"Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

Craig Courtney

SERMON "The Life Changing Event" Pastor Bill

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

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.

AMEN RESPONSE Choir

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING Pastor
(As the offering plates are being passed, please pass the Friendship pads and sign, with your name, address, e-mail and phone, so we can properly greet you if you are visiting with us today).

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Keith Brown, vocal solo
"Alleluia!" Taemin Han, piano
G. O'Conner-Morris

*OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN
#123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Congregation

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION
Pastors

*CHORAL RESPONSE
(Please remain standing for the Choral Response)
Choir

POSTLUDE
"Toccata" from Symphony No. 5
Charles-Marie Widor
Organist

* Congregation stands.

