

**April 9, 2023**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Easter Day**

**PRELUDE** "Sonata in f minor" Haydn

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 28:1-10 N.T. page 26

**BELL INTROIT** "Regal Peal on 'Thine Be the Glory'" arr. Meyer

**OPENING SENTENCES**

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Luke 24:34  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
This is the good news by which we are saved: 1 Cor. 15:1-2, 4  
**On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.**  
The crucified one is risen from the dead. Acts 10:39-41  
**We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!**  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**+HYMN: GTG #232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 1 Pet. 2:24

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry,  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak,  
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant  
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

1 Pet. 2:25

**+HYMN: GTG #248** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Living God,  
hear our prayer.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN** Lori Filka

Young children are dismissed to Kids' Church

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Acts 2:44-46

**OFFERTORY** "Menuet in c minor" Bach

**+RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 31:1-6 O.T. page 559

**PSALM** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 O.T. page 433

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Colossians 3:1-4 N.T. page 156

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 10:34-43 N.T. page 99

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** John 14:1, 6

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth,  
and the life. Believe in me.  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "The Stone Is Rolled Away" Johnson

**SERMON** "The Dance of the Merrymakers" Rev. Bill Pinches

**+HYMN: GTG #238** "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

**+BLESSING** Ps. 118:1, 24  
May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,  
this day and forever.  
Alleluia!

**+CHARGE** Matt. 28:10  
Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.  
Go and tell this good news to all.  
Thanks be to God!

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Hallelujah" (from Mount of Olives) Beethoven

**POSTLUDE** "Serenade" Schubert

*You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.  
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

Liturgist: Steve VanDyke  
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink  
Sound: Marty Subject  
Livestream: Tami Chapman  
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**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#30. Epiphany:**

When a Roman centurion named Cornelius has a vision of an angel, Peter realizes that the grace and love of Jesus are for all people everywhere. (Acts 10:1—11:18)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 65. Who are the needy?**

The hungry need bread, the homeless need a roof, the oppressed need justice, and the lonely need fellowship. At the same time — on another and deeper level — the hopeless need hope, sinners need forgiveness, and the world needs the gospel. On this level no one is excluded, and all the needy are one. Our mission as the church is to bring hope to a desperate world by declaring God's undying love — as one beggar tells another where to find bread.

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**DAILY PRAYER**

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Women's Association Craft and Lunch	10:30 am
	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
	Friends!	3:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:30 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
<b>Saturday</b>	Spring Church Yard Clean-Up Day	
	Yarners	10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Bruce Caltrider — Apr. 11 Anne Slavin — Apr. 11 Mason VanDyke — Apr. 15

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*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*