



Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. \*Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration

Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. \*Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:**

*Jesus Christ has been raised from the grave. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has overcome death for us all. Jesus Christ is risen today! Shout Halleluia!*

**Sunday, March 27, 2016                      EASTER                      Resurrection of the Lord**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle  
Christ the Lord is risen today! **Hallelujah! He is risen, indeed!**

\*Easter Processional Hymn No. 232     *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*                      EASTER HYMN

Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**  
Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, and Announcements  
Reception of New Members, Joe and Gail Alexander and Opening Prayer

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ The Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**  
*(Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ.)*

**TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD**

\*Responsive Call to Worship Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
It is a long time since last Sunday, when we waved palms and shouted "Hosanna!"

**The last supper we had with Jesus was memorable, yet sad.**  
His trials and crucifixion were hard to bear, as he gave himself up.

**What can we expect after all this drama and sorrow?**  
Remember what Jesus told you, that on the third day he would rise again?  
**This is the third day — Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 240                      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*                      ALLELUIA NO. 1

Easter Litany Liturgist: Kathy Wechter  
Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen, indeed!**

We see the rising sun and sense new life. **The darkness fades, and we find a new day.**  
This day the Lord comes to us in new ways. **The risen Christ brings us a new life.**  
We celebrate that day in ages past when Jesus arose. **We celebrate today when he lives anew in us.**  
Our mouths are filled with the song of joy. **Our hearts are filled with God's new presence.**  
We are a people blessed with Good News. **We will spread it to our community and world.**  
The power of the risen Christ is within and among us. **May the whole world be filled with Christ's presence.**

\*Hymn No. 581                      *Gloria Patri*                      GLORIA PATRI  
*(Following the Hymn, the children are invited to join the Pastor on the steps)*

Time With Young Disciples     *Children's Church follows in Room 5*

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP**

\*Affirmation of Faith *A Selection from the PC (U.S.A.) Brief Statement of Faith*  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

**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, for ever. Amen.**

Giving of our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609                      *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*     LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication

**TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD**

\*Hymn No. 633                      *Open Our Eyes, Lord*                      OPEN OUR EYES

Scripture                      **John 20:1-18**                      NRSV

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**  
Sermon                      *Mary's Message*                      Tom Dendy

**AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Choral Selection                      *Hallelujah Chorus*                      G. F. Handle

\*Postlude  
Celebration Choir and Instrumentalists

(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

*On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer.*  
Douglas Horton

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**CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS**

Sun Mar 27	<b>EASTER – Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!</b>	
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:30 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
Mon Mar 28	<b>Church Office and Preschool closed</b>	
Tue Mar 29	Quilters	10:00 am
Tue Mar 29-Apr 1	Preschool closed	
Wed Mar 30	<b>Hospitality Meeting</b>	6:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sun Apr 3	<i>24 Hours that Changed the World</i> Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:30 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children’s Church	11:00 am
Sun Apr 10	<i>The Way</i> by Adam Hamilton NEW Adult Sunday School	9:15 am

**Serving March 27 – Easter**

**Visitor Table:** Paula Jansson **Nursery:** Trudy Miller and Donna Woodard

**Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini and Cindy Bramble

**Grades 1-5:** Mary Cait Jones and Emmy Cicala

**Media Shout:** Harvey Dulin **Sound Board:** Neil Carter

**Liturgist:** Kathy Wechter **Elder of the Week:** Cecilia Evans – 843-520-6069

**Ushers:** Larry Dowd, Sandy Wallace

**Serving April 3**

**Visitor Table:** Carol Lagassee **Nursery:** Trudy Miller and Betsy Hughes

**Children’s Church PreK-Kindergarten:** Tonja Paolini and Mary Ann Bowie

**Grades 1-5:** Mary Cait Jones and Emmy Cicala

**Media Shout:** Bernadine Lamar **Sound Board:** Neil Carter

**Liturgist:** Nancy Torcivia **Elder of the Week:** Nancy Torcivia – 843-390-4376

**Ushers:** Terry Baker, Sandy Wallace

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**OUR MISSION** is to *Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God’s Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!*

**OUR PURPOSE** is to *Celebrate God’s Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*