
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER

SENECA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2019

6:45 A.M.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

The worship service begins at the foot of the cross where the new fire is lighted.

Greeting and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Christ candle is lighted as these words are spoken:

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

All light their candles from the Christ candle.

Call To Worship:

Leader: The tomb was found empty!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus has risen!

People: What does this mean?

Leader: Jesus comes to us, saying, "Peace be with you!"

People: What does this mean?

Leader: O ye of little faith, do not doubt, but believe!

People: Come, let us walk the journey of faith, acknowledge our doubts but also holding on to hope. For Christ is Risen!

Procession

**Sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

All candles are extinguished.

A SERVICE OF SONGS AND READINGS

Song *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Reading Luke 24: 1-12

Song *Thine is the Glory*

Reading I Corinthians 15: 20-26

Song *The Day of Resurrection*
Reading Romans 6:1-11

Song *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna*
Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Song *Christ is Alive*
Reading Luke 24:36-49

THE SERVICE OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*** Sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Give praise to His name.

***Charge and Blessing**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of His resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Amen!

*Let those who are able stand