

# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Nashville Community  
March 31, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

## Responsive Call to Worship:

Rise and greet the morning.

**Cast off your sleep and doubt.**

Arise, meet the risen Christ --

**who comforts our grieving hearts,**

who encourages our faltering steps,

**who splinters us with laughter,**

who wrinkles us with compassion,

**who raises us to heaven.**

All: **Let us Rise, and sing our praise!**

**Song:** *He Arose*

Mr. Blaine Pittman & Mrs. Susan Frazier

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.
2. Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord.

*Chorus*

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And lives forever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Prayer**

Mrs. Sandra Manning

**Song:** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Mr. Pittman & Mrs. Frazier

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## An Easter Litany

Rev. Byrd

On Easter morning,  
they saw the stone rolled back,  
the empty tomb.  
Trembling, they doubted, feared, and wondered.

**We doubt. We fear. We wonder.**

Trembling, they approached the tomb,  
place of death meeting life,  
of endings and new beginnings.

**We approach the tomb.**

**We doubt. We fear. We wonder.**

Passing through betrayal and sorrow,  
through death and defeat,  
Trembling, they came to Easter morning.

**This Easter morning,  
we see life bursting through death.  
Trembling, we meet the risen Christ.**

## Scripture Reading & Message

**Song:** *He Is Lord*

Mr. Pittman & Mrs. Frazier

1. He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)

## Benediction

Rev. Byrd

The stone has been rolled away!  
**The tomb is empty!**  
He is not here!  
**Let us go and tell others.**  
All: **Christ is risen. Hallelujah!**

## Service Participants

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr., Pastor  
Mr. Blaine Pittman, Director of Music and Education  
Mrs. Susan Frazier, Chancel Choir Member  
Mrs. Sandra Manning, Deacon Ministry Team

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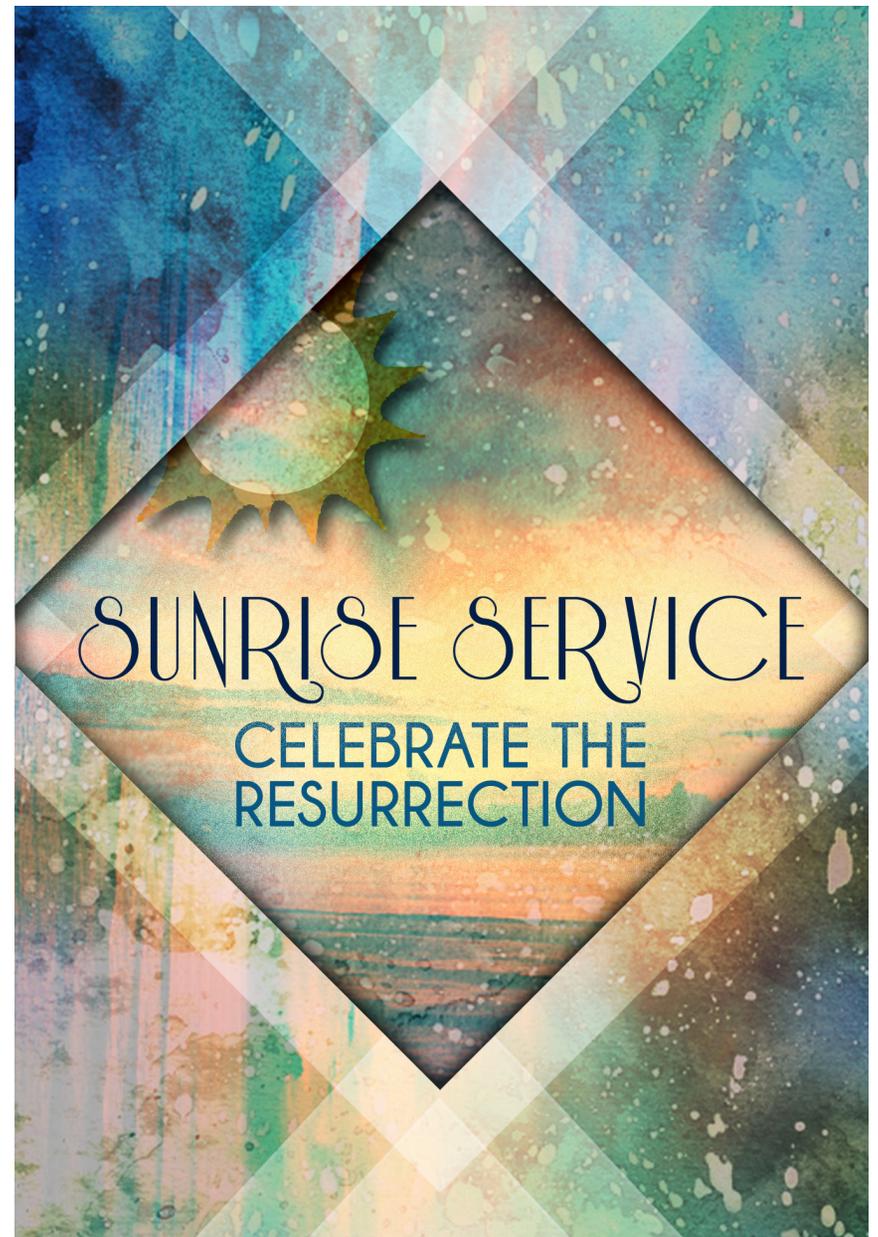
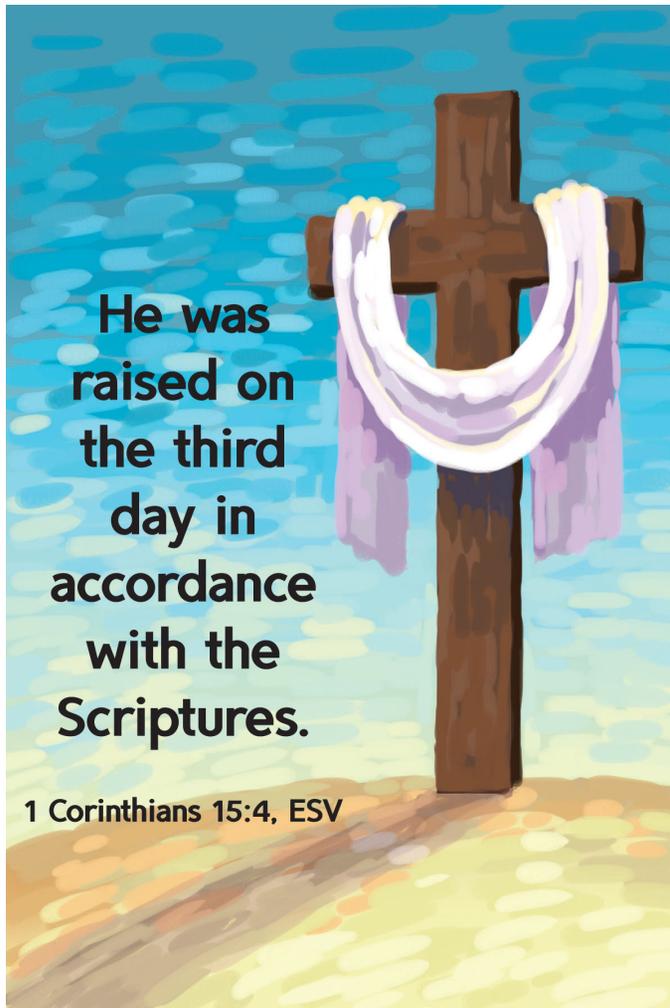
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Please join us for Easter Sunday activities and worship:

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. - NBCU (Education Wing)

10:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)



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