

TRADITIONAL *Worship*

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday



Faith
community
United Methodist Church

SENIOR PASTOR • Andy Wagner

Gathering

(As we prepare for worship, you are invited to use this as a time of reflection and preparation as we celebrate the presence of Christ around us.)

Introit

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God, Benedetto Marcello/
arr. S. Drummond Wolff — Chancel Brass

Welcome

Liturgist: Sarah Boys

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is alive,

People: moving among the living.

Leader: Christ is risen,

People: inviting us to rise in fullness of life.

Leader: Christ is calling,

People: proclaiming life and hope for all.

All: Alleluia! Amen!¹

*Opening Hymn

302 (UMH) *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, verses 1-4

*Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day.

As you live and move among us,

remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer.

Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection,

each and every day. Amen.¹

*The Peace

Sharing of Ministries

Music Ministry

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright, Robert James Lamb
— Chancel Bells

New Testament Reading

John 20:1-10

Music Ministry

The Day of Resurrection, arr. Shelton Ridge Love — Chancel Choir;
Chancel Brass

Prayers of the People

Unison Prayer

Living Christ, prepare us once more
to hear your resurrection message.
Open our hearts to the joyous gift of life
shared with us this day.
And open our minds to your presence,
each and every day.²

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

John 20:11-18

Sermon (John 20:1-18)

Seeing Jesus Anew — Pastor Andy Wagner

***Hymn of Response**

322 (UMH) *Up from the Grave He Arose*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Coronation, Craig Courtney — Chancel Choir;
Sarah Boys, French horn

***Doxology** (UMH) 95

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.

***Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, we offer these gifts to you
in thanksgiving and joy
for the presence of the living Christ.
May these gifts bring new life
to those both near and far.
And may we offer ourselves
in service to you and to one another. Amen.³

Music Ministry

Crown Him with Many Crowns, arr. Lloyd Larson — Chancel Bells

***Benediction**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: The tomb is empty.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Go with joy to meet the risen Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!⁴

***Closing Hymn**

310 (UMH) *He Lives*

***Postlude**

*God sends us forth to spread his gospel to all people!
Share the love of Christ!*

*Please stand if you are able.

¹*Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*

²*Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*

³*Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*

⁴*Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*