

*GATHERING MUSIC*

*WELCOME*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from lyrics for Everybody Rejoice from the Wiz)*

*Leader: Freedom through Christ has our hearts singing joyfully*

***People: Everybody look around!***

*Leader: Let's commence to singing joyfully*

***People: Everybody be glad!***

*Leader: Because our silent fears and dread are gone.*

***People: Everybody wake up!***

*Leader: Can you feel a brand new day to praise God?*

*INVOCATION*

***All: God of all life, we are blessed to be part of this brand new day. When this morning broke, you gave us yet more opportunities to share your love with others. You gave us more opportunities to live our lives in new ways, in harmony with all life. Help us to wake up and be glad that we are loved for who we are. Let us greet today singing joyfully, feeling this brand new day and praising our God. Amen***

*HYMN #122 "Thine Is the Glory"*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes Where Thy body lay

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*SERMON*

*RESPONSE – #354 – “Guide My Feet”*

*Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

*Leader: God, in your mercy:  
People: Hear our prayer.*

*SILENT 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.*

*HYMN #119 - “The Strife is O'er”*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary From death's dread sting Your servants free,  
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### *ANNOUNCEMENTS/GATHERING OF GIFTS*

##### *Offertory*

##### *COMMISSION*

*Leader: Let us leave here with open hearts, to share God's unconditional love with all we meet.*

*All: We will go with courage; holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil.*

*We will strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the afflicted.*

*Honoring all beings, we will serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

##### *BENEDICTION*

##### *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Go With Us Lord*

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way*

*Through this and every coming day,*

*That in Your Spirit, strong and true*

*Our lives may be our gift to You.*

##### *POSTLUDE*