

SENDING FORTH

*SENDING HYMN

"He Lives"

UMH #310

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in joy.

People: From darkness and despair, we go to share Christ's hope and joy.

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in faith.

People: From doubt and death, we go to walk in faith and hope.

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth to live.

People: From suffering and death, we go to heal a broken world.

Leader: Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia. Amen.

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Easter Sunday

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance on the pew cards.
Stand and greet one another in Christian Love.

Centering Words (John 20)

When grief holds sway and you feel lost and abandoned . . . join Mary and the women in the garden, as they cast aside their funeral spices to rejoice in awe and wonder. Fear is healed by hope this day. Death is swallowed up in victory.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) (Ps 118, John 20)

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. As we behold the glory of our salvation, take us back to that moment of faith when fear was healed by hope and death was swallowed up by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude before they shout that Christ is alive and has called us by name.

*APOSTLE'S CREED

UMH #881

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Prayer for Illumination:

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer.

Lessons: John 11:17-26, John 20:1-18

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

SERMON

"Surprise!"

Rev. Krystal Goodger

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH #327

OFFERING

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (unison) (Acts 10)

God of joyful surprises, with laughter in our hearts and songs on our lips, may our lives reflect the glory of this day. You offer abundance of life and fullness of grace to all who turn to you and seek your blessing. Receive our tithes and offerings in the name of your Son, the source of our joy and strength, that they may be for the world your Easter light and life. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895