

KNOWLTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please take this time before our worship begins to center yourself. Please turn off all cell phones.

PRELUDE OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mindi

ONE: The women came to prepare his body,

ALL: He was not there; he had risen!

ONE: The disciples were huddled away in their grief,

ALL: He was not there; he had risen!

ONE: Some trembled in fear; still others doubted;

ALL: He was not there, he had risen!

ONE: But the angel said, "Do not be afraid,"

ALL: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed

HYMN

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We confess our fears to You, O God. We confess that we are afraid of death. We are afraid of finality. We are afraid of not living into our dreams or satisfying our desires. We are afraid of not accomplishing what we set out to do. Forgive us for focusing on worldly values, Eternal God. Forgive us for focusing on worldly gain, God of Everlasting Love. Forgive us for not living into the trust that Your love reigns forever, and that death does not have the final word. May we rest assured in the promises of Your love through Your Son, Jesus the Christ who lived and died and lives again, for us all. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again! We proclaim the ancient promise in our hearts, and may it settle there as truth, that we know in our heart of our hearts that God's love endures forever. This world, this life may

pass away, but God's love endures forever because of Christ our Lord. Go, live into the Good News, and share God's love with all. Amen.

HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

UMH #308

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, your Word is living and active, and the stories of our lives bear witness to your Good News. We thank you for these words, of scripture and testimony. Open us to hear your voice within these words, and guide us as we respond in faith. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

Pew Bible NT pg. 32

MESSAGE *There Is A New Day Dawning* Pastor Ninabeth

HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

UMH #306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING & JOYFUL NOISE

The Joyful Noise offering is used to provide food, clothing, and necessities for those in need in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support of this life-affirming ministry.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen, Sing Hallelujah!

Pethel

THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection!

Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money to empower our work with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your Incarnate Love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. Amen

HYMN *Up From the Grave He Arose* UMH #322

BENEDICTION *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel/Robinson

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand or sit reverently