

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

April 17, 2022/Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing. ~Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Co Bullen, trumpet

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Let all the earth proclaim the joy!

All: Let all heaven show forth its praise.

One: We lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

All: The Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever!

Alleluia!

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

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OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious and patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forgotten or forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very heart and soul. Forgive us, God,

for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have revealed your love and helped someone else to know you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Impact our lives that we can take part in the bringing of your kingdom. In hope we wait.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Christ is Risen! Let us rejoice! His love and mercy are poured out that we all might have life anew!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Risen Lord!

Steven Warner

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living the Questions:
“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” Pastor A. Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

This Joyful Eastertide

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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*BENEDICTION

Alleluia

Fintan O’Carroll

POSTLUDE

Be Glad My Soul

J. S. Bach

*All who are able please stand.