

# Easter Sunday

9:30AM, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Liturgist: Gail Lingerman

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "An Easter Medley"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Open the gates of justice and righteousness, that we may give thanks to God.

**Today we enter the gates of the Holy One as the body of Christ.**

We are called to do justice and love kindness.

**Today is the day of celebration and promise.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

\*HYMN "Easter People Raise Your Voices" UMH # 304

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; last night we wept, because we thought you were dead. This morning, like Mary in the garden, we mistake you for someone else, and ask where you have gone. But you have wakened us with sunshine, opening our eyes to daffodils and cherry blossoms, filling our ears with birdsong, filling our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about**

**encountering you and our Resurrected Lord. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Alleluia and amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One whom the prophets foretold, and of whom the Gospels testify, lives among us today. In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ; and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:11-18 (NRSV)**

- 11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,
- 12** and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 13** They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
- 14** When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
- 16** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- 17** Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
- 18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE "He Is Risen!" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

HOLY BAPTISM of John D Hemmings UMH # 33

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**God of love and grace, for the love and life that you give us in Christ, we offer you these signs of our gratitude; for the compassion and mercy that you give us in the Holy Spirit, we offer you our thankfulness and praise. Receive these gifts in your holy name. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN "Because He Lives" UMH # 364

\*BENEDICTION Responsive

With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ, let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.

**In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit, let us go forth to love and serve the world.**

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" HAND BELLS CHOIR

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.