

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able • Plain text = Leader • **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *The Holy City* Steven Adams
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
This is the good news by which we are saved:
On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* No. 104

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated, unison) Elder
The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray...
**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.
You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things.
You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE
Amen. Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) No. 123 verse 2
***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 Pgs. 666-667
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God** Deacon

ANTHEM *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!* Patrick Liebergen
Cheri Roberts, clarinet
(Choir will sing verses 1-3, congregation joins them singing verse 4 & 5 see below.)

**4. Christ lives today! Rejoice with Praise! To God with grateful songs we raise!
The Lord is risen from the grave, the Son of God now lives to save.** **5. Sing out with joy! The day is done!
Give thanks and praise the Holy One.
Let all creation lift on high
The Lord who lives, no more to die!**

GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-6 Pg. 51
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (As children & youth come forward, please sing.)
***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON *Returning to the Quarry* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**
--Adapted from *the Confession of 1967*, 9.26

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Day of Resurrection* Henry T. Smart
Ridge Ringers Arr. Brenda E. Austin

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

verse 1

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Serving Communion

Bread is taken individually. Wait to take juice/wine together.

Red wine is in outer ring of tray, white grape juice is in the inner rings of tray.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

**Thank you, O God,
for giving us communion with our risen Lord.
Now send us out to be a sign of the new life
that has come into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

No. 113

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

refrain, No. 122

***Thine is the glory Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

POSTLUDE

Calvary
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano

Paul Rodney
Arr. Lani Smith

Wishing you all a blessed Easter!



*WPC Mission Statement:
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

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