

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

* Please stand if able

Plain text = Leader

Bold text = People

Prelude

“The Holy City”
Organ/Piano duet, Betty Niquette, piano

Organist, Julie Pulliam
Steven Adams
Arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz,

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

Call to Worship (Please stand)

Elder, Marny Eulberg

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

PH # 123

Call to Prayer & Prayer for Renewal (Be seated)

Elder

“The next day, ... So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.” Matthew 27:62-66 (NT pg 31)
Let us pray...

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed

and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak

and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,

that we may know the joy of life abundant

given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Whit Dempsey

Amen. Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* **Sung Response** (Stand as desired.)

PH # 113 Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing oh heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25 (pg. 713)

Deacon Reader, Jeanne Miller

Mark 16:1-8 (NT pg. 51)

The Rev. Dr. Whitney Dempsey

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

Alan Smith

WRPC choir

Lyrics by Michael Weisse
translated by Catherine Winkworth

Time with All Ages

C.E. Director of Children & Youth, Linda Valo

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing)

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

“Come and See”

The Rev. Dr. Whit Dempsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Star Word

* **Hymn**

“Christ Is Alive!”

PH # 108

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Pg 16 front of Hymnal

(Pray, “Forgive us our sins...”)

Invitation to Offering

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s good yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God’s great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory "Low in the Grave He Lay" Arr. Lani Smith
Piano/Organ duet, Betty Niquette, piano

Presentation of Offering Doxology PH # 591/2

***Prayer of Dedication**

We praise you God and give you thanks, that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service, bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* **Hymn** "The Day of Resurrection!" PH # 118

***Charge and Benediction**

* **Sung Congregational response:** (sing twice) refrain, No. 122

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

Postlude "The Strife Is O'er" Organist, Julie Pulliam
Piano/Organ duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. Lani Smith

As we had fellowship this morning during the Easter breakfast, we won't have the usual Fellowship Time with refreshments and conversation following worship today. May you and your families have a blessed Easter! He Is Risen!

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg	Deacon Reader: Jeanne Miller
Time with All Ages: Linda Valo	Greeter: Janette Powers
Ushers: Jo Ann Flores and Nancy Rosi	Easter Plants: members of WRPC
Additional flowers: Caroline Clovesko	

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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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