



Service of Worship April 9, 2023 9:00 am
Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord

Gathering

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

(You are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross as a symbol of the transition from Good Friday to Easter. As you place your flower, remember Jesus' death and give thanks for his resurrection.)

SONGS TO FLOWER

Praise Team

"Salt & Light"

"Clean"

"Beneath the Cross"

"Who But Jesus"

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

Based on Matthew 28:5-9

ONE: Rejoice, be glad, and sing praise to our risen redeemer!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*spoken together*)

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. On this day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People,” people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: We share the peace of Christ saying, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF PEACE

“Simple Kingdom”

as recorded by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

ALL

**Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love. You welcomed the children, You stopped for the one.
We want to see people the way Jesus does. Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.**

**Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death. His King is a savior who gave His last breath.
So we may die daily, our pride laid to rest. His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.**

Halleluia, hallowed be Your name, may we live and breathe Your praise.

Halleluia, let all creation say, “Oh the King of heaven reigns.”

**Your Kingdom is coming, Your kingdom is here, alive in our waiting at work in our tears.
So come to us quickly, forever our prayer. Your kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus come near.**

Halleluia, hallowed be Your name, may we live and breathe Your praise.

Halleluia, let all creation say, “Oh the King of heaven reigns.”

Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (*video*) John 20:1–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord

out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 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. 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.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (Which means Teacher). 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.’” 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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SONG TO REFLECT

“Communion”

by Maverick City Music

Praise Team

*Take me back to the garden ~ Lead me back to the moment I heard your voice
Take me back to communion ~ Lead me back to the moment I saw your face
And it was oh so simple ~ it was easy to love
And no space between us ~ It was easy to trust
'Cause you are closer, closer than my skin ~ And you are in the air I'm breathing in
And here's where the dead things come back to living ~ I feel my heart beating again
It feels so good to know you are my friend.
This is the garden ~ Here in the place I find you close
This is communion ~ Here in the place I'm fully known
And it was oh so simple ~ You're so easy to love
And no space between us ~ You're so easy to trust
'Cause you are closer, closer than my skin ~ And you are in the air I'm breathing in
And here's where the dead things come back to living ~ I feel my heart beating again
It feels so good to know you are my friend. (Repeat)*

SERMON

“Jesus Shows Up”

Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Simple Kingdom”

as recorded by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

ALL

**Your kingdom is backwards, it flows in reverse.
What you call a treasure, this world calls a curse.
The small become great and the last become first.
Your kingdom is backwards, Lord, teach us to serve.
As it is with your kingdom, let it be with Your church.**

Halleluia, hallowed be Your name, may we live and breathe Your praise.

Halleluia, let all creation say, “Oh the King of heaven reigns.”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – *Please partake of the bread first and then drink.*

SONG TO RECEIVE

“No Outsiders”

by Rend Collective

Praise Team

*You are a refuge. You have no borders.
When I was a stranger knocking at Your door, You took me in.
With no questions and no conditions,
when I was a sinner, running from Your grace, You called me friend.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there’s grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I’m not an outsider to Your love.*

*You are the harbor in ev’ry tempest.
When my soul was shipwrecked, tossed upon the waves, You calmed the storm.
You are the Father; there are no orphans.
Ev’ry tribe and nation gathered in Your arms sings with one voice.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

*I was tired, I was poor. I was thrown upon Your shores.
I was homeless and afraid 'til I heard You call my name.
And now I'm ransomed, I'm restored. Resurrected, I am Yours.
I am loved, yes, I belong. Oh, my soul has found its home.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

Prayer After Communion

Sending

*SONG TO RESPOND "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (st. 1 & 2)

ALL

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now they sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save. Alleluia!
Where's they vict'ry, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (st. 3 & 4)

ALL

**Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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EASTER MUSICIANS

Praise Team

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