

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunrise

Prelude *Come, People of the Risen King* Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome

Call to Worship

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed!*

Minister: The tomb is now empty and Jesus, our Savior is alive!

People: *The air is fresh with new beginnings and possibilities, please awaken our spirits O, Lord!*

Minister: Remind us that You came that we may have abundant life in You.

People: *O God, fill us with Your Resurrection Power and Spirit!*

All: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Amen.*

Opening Hymn

Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. **Refrain**

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. **Refrain**

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10, 18-20

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Easter Homily

Rev. Mark Barnes

“Why was the Stone Rolled Away?”

Closing Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

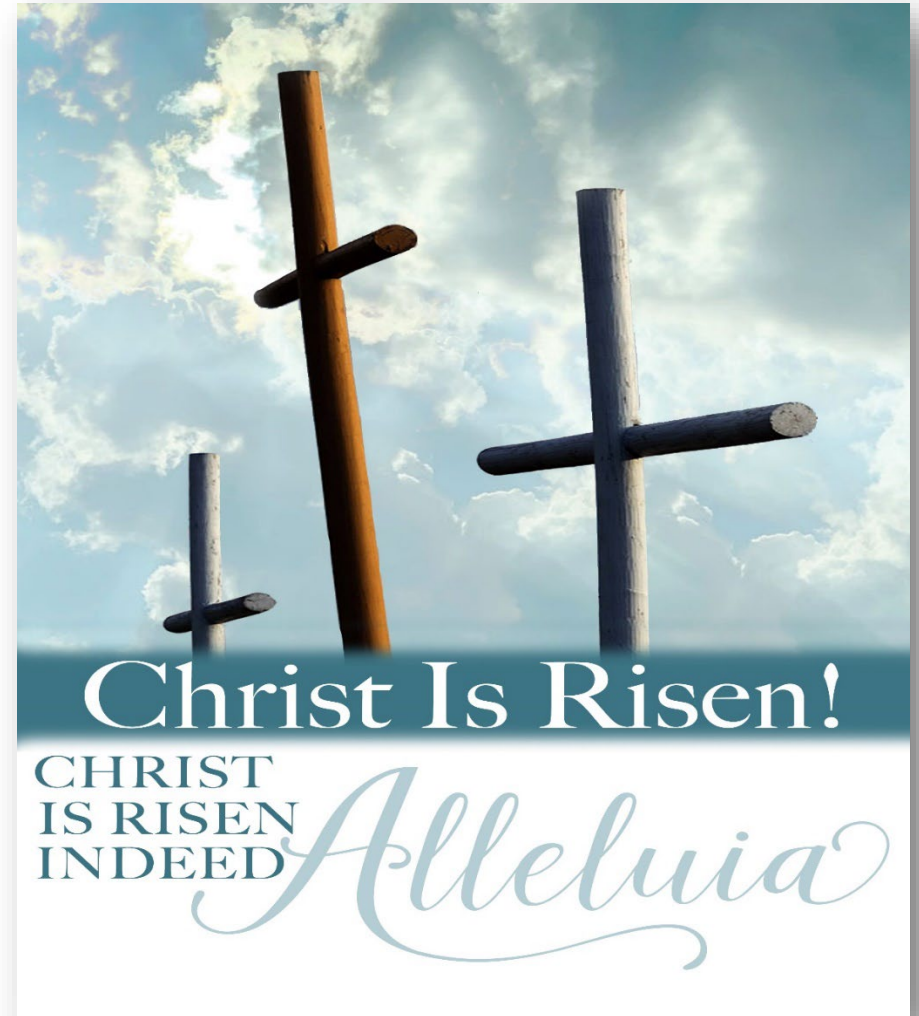
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Al-le-lu-ia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Al-le-lu-ia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Al-le-lu-ia!

Dismissal with the Blessing of the People

WELCOME

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christians. We are delighted that you have chosen to begin this day with us and we welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.

We invite you to join us at Bethany UMC for our Sunday worship! We offer traditional worship services at 8 am – Spell Chapel, 8:45 am 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. A contemporary worship service is offered at 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. A nursery will be provided for the 8:45 am Contemporary service, the 8:45 am and 11:15 am traditional services.



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SUNRISE SERVICE

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6:30 am