

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Prelude Because He Lives

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed!*

Minister: The tomb is now empty, and the Risen Christ is here again, calling us to something new.

People: *The air is alive with new beginnings, because Christ is alive!*

Minister: We come to celebrate His Easter victory over sin and death!

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

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

***Opening Hymn** He Lives UMH No. 310

Responsive Reading Psalm 133 UMH No. 850

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore.**

Congregational Prayer & 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.*

***Collect for the Day** (pray in unison)

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory Run to the Tomb
Mixed Ensemble

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*** Doxology** UMH No. 95

The Scripture Lesson John 20:1-18

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Who Are You Seeking? Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication** Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH No. 302

***Blessing of the People**

Benediction Response Spell Ensemble

Irish Blessing

**May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your
field; And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

***Postlude**

* Please stand

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God

WELCOME

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



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8:00 AM

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