

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Prelude The Day of Resurrection
Mixed Ensemble

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 30: 1-12 UMH No. 762

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment;
the Lord's favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."**

By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

**"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?"**

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth

and girded me with gladness,

that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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 Canticle for Easter
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

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** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

* 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.*

A Special Called Charge Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday,
April 10 at 6 pm in Spell Chapel. The sole purpose of this Charge
Conference is to consider and vote to approve the Ministerial Support
Form for our newly appointed Associate Pastor, scheduled to start in
June. The Book of Discipline requires that a Charge Conference must
approve all ministerial support forms.



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