### 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 by 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

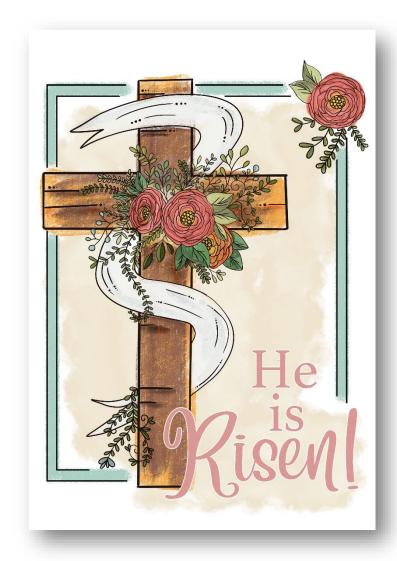
\* Please stand

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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