

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunrise

Prelude Because He Lives
Holly Slice, guitar; Kathryn Westurn, violin

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 *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This Gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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.

Easter Homily

Rev. Mark Barnes

He Is Risen

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 16:6

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sons of men and angels 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!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, oh death, is now thy sting, Al-le-lu-ia!
Dying once He all doth save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where thy victory, oh grave, 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!

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.

A Special Called Charge Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 6pm 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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**SUNRISE SERVICE
AZALEA PARK**

**March 31, 2024
6:30 am**