
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior
to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Mary Alice Mawer, guest organist

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* arr. Held

* CALL to WORSHIP

One: Hope is back. Future is back.

All: **Promise is back. Grace is back.**

Love is back. Light is back.

Song is back. Joy is back.

Life is here. Truth is here.

Resurrection is here. Salvation is here.

Grace is here. Celebration is here.

Promise is here. Jesus is here.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* **HYMN** – *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"* (vs. 1, 3, 4) #245

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

* PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord of life, you made this morning,
this day, this life,
this planet and all that is in it.

All is a gift from you.

All of creation is holy and

You have given it into our care

And yet we must confess:

Our care-less actions wound
and scar our families and our communities,
Our nation and our earth.

Forgive us, Holy One,

You, who are always creating

a new heaven and a new earth!

Risen One,

Teach us that your resurrection

Brings new life to all creation.

Today of all days empower us with vision and courage;

let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all;

where everyone has enough, sharing your abundant life.

Save us, God, from our sin and brokenness.

Teach us to be a resurrection people,

rising from the ashes of our errors

to live in abundant relationship with you. Amen.

* ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

The God of love does not give us over

to death but offers us life;

the Spirit of Jesus gives us a song of joy to sing.

We are witnesses to the life of the risen Christ!

All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death
and opened the gates of life everlasting.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit,

raise us with Christ,

open our ears and loosen our tongues

that we, too, may proclaim your love,

healing, and peace to the nations. Amen

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Mark 16:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY – *"Again & Again: The Key to Life"* Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **HYMN** – *"Christ Is Alive!"* (vs. 1 & 5)

#246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring

with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come neighbors, do not be afraid!

What was once sealed is now open...

once dead, now living.

We come to share the bread and cup.

Come neighbors, do not be afraid!

Come to taste resurrection, share eternity,

and be touched by the hand of the risen Christ.

We come to Christ's table with joy.

(Singing) The Lord be with you.

(Singing) **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

On this great day of celebration...

With all creation we sing your praises:

(Singing)

Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy is the One who comes in your name, O God.
Holy is Christ who came in the power of your
name and the nature of your love.

**Holy is Jesus of Nazareth who in life,
in death, and in undying life brought
life to us and led us to you.**

One: Remembering his life, his teachings, and especially now
his costly choice of the way of the cross,
the way of true love...
(Joys and concerns will be lifted up at this time.)

Now, let us join with one, strong voice in the prayer our
Savior taught us saying... **Our Father...**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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to give online

* **HYMN** – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy
chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever signing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

* **BLESSING**

Now that morning has come
and the dawn has broken the darkness.
Now that the stone has rolled
and set free the life.

Now that Christ is risen
let us go
not quietly, not gently
but with a great alleluia
that lets the world know
the Lord of life says "Yes!"

And now may the Christ who has risen,
the God who sets us free,
and the Spirit who rolls stones,
be with us and go with us all
into this world.
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"
by Healey Willan

VOCAL QUARTET:

Katya Fisher – Bill Fisher – Kalinde Webb – Kent Peterson

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Celebration of Resurrection: Easter Sunday



**Sunday, April 4, 2021
8:00 a.m.**



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