

Order for the Worship of God
April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

John Leavitt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

“Redeemer”
Michele White, Soloist

Nicole C. Mullen
arr. Heather Sorenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Video*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING (*The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

“This Easter Celebration”

LANCASHIRE

**This Easter celebration is not like ones we’ve known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We’re distant from our neighbors—from worship leaders too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.**

**Our joy won’t come from worship that’s in a crowded room,
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.**

**In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.**

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Faith in Unprecedented Times
Sermon #3 “Don’t Miss Easter”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director