



April 4, 2021

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: For Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN #302

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Charles Dickerson

**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!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: O God, you have rolled away the stone of death and despair. You have opened to us a new life in your son, Jesus Christ. Yet often we fail to live in the light of your good news. We let fear and doubt keep us from you. When we are anxious, we live as though Christ had not been raised. Reach out to us with grace and compassion, O God. Lead us into the future where love and hope are alive. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"We Shall Rise"

3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Kristin Reksc

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

"Festival Theme"

Bell Choir

DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 16:1-8

The women discover the empty tomb

Lisa Pope

SERMON

"Loose Ends"

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Kristin Reksc

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jonathan Chute

HYMN #318

"Christ Is Alive"

Charles Dickerson

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Chute

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah" – G.F. Handel

Quartet

Bulletin Cover Artwork: *Cheryl Thomas*

Brass Performers:

Randy Garcia – Trombone, *Marx Ha* – Trombone
Joey Muscat – Timpani, *Marcus Paul* – Trumpet
Brandyn Phillips – Trumpet

Quartet:

Abigail Whitman – Soprano, *Gina Whitman* – Alto
Charles Dickerson – Tenor, *Roberto Gomez* – Bass

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals
Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals
Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
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