

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019 | 9:30 and 11:00

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A "+" indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

[9:30] *TODAY IS THE DAY*

[11:00] RING YE BELLS OF EASTER MORNING

Besig and Price

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The stone is rolled away.

All: Death is overcome.

Pastor: The tomb is dark, but empty.

All: Darkness gives way to light.

Pastor: The grave cloths are folded.

All: Where has he gone?

Pastor: The women were the first to see and tell us,

All: He is not here.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

+ [9:30] *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY*

+ [11:00] HYMN 232: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

+EASTER AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Holy One, we gather together in the light of this new day,
this wonderful day, to remember an empty tomb.

All: Jesus is risen!

Pastor: Jesus is not found among the dead.

All: He is risen! He is here with us! Love has won, forever!

Pastor: As we gather to hear once more the mystery of Easter,
we remember that faith does not depend on seeing or
hearing; faith is trusting and acknowledging presence
beyond our understanding.

**All: Love wins, always! Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for demonstrating to us that love is the only way.**

Pastor: We celebrate your resurrection today and acknowledge
your living presence in our lives.

All: Love will win, eternally!

Pastor: With love comes peace and Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with one another.
(You are invited to greet one another in peace.)

+ [9:30] *CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!*
+ [11:00] HYMN 248: CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

[9:30] *WHO ROLLED THE STONE AWAY* Stephen Hatfield
[11:00] SIMPLY ALLELUIA Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:55-56 & 24:1-12

MESSAGE *Love overcomes all.* Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING [9:30] *Alleluia Brasileira* Ralph Manuel
[11:00] *Christ the Lord is Risen* JS Bach
arr. Tom Fettke

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We are celebrating communion by intinction. Everyone is invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive a piece of bread (or ask for gluten-free bread), dip it in the cup, and eat. You may return to your seat down the side aisles. The bread and the cup will be brought to those who cannot or do not wish to come forward. We have an open table. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Christ is risen, living among us,
feeding our bodies and souls forever!

**All: We are always in God's presence.
Christ is with us this day and for evermore.
Alleluia!**

WE GO

+CONGREGATIONAL "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" G.F. Handel
RESPONSE from *Messiah*

Copies of the score are available for anyone who wishes to stand with the choir and sing. Everyone is invited to remain standing.

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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