

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Up From the Grave He Arose” - arr. Ritter

\* DOXOLOGY

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.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

\* CLOSING HYMN - “Christ Is Alive!” #246

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #248

*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.*

POSTLUDE “The Risen Christ!” - Smith

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Order of Worship

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
but when they went in, they did not find the body.”*

CHIMES

PRELUDE *Easter Medley*

INTROIT *“Thine Is the Glory”* (Faith Choir)

GREETING

Pastor: He is Risen!

People: **“He is Risen, Indeed!”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

***Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

***Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

***Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

***Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!***

\* **OPENING HYMN** - *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* (see insert)

\* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.*

\* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

*Hear the good news of God’s promise:*

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Thanks be to God.*

\* **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

\***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you.*

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

**THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - *“Crown Him, the Risen King!”* - Larson (Faith Choir)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 28:1-10**

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Hope on the Horizon”

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: “The Apostles Creed”**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL 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 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.*