



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.

Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.

Join with us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—  
**that you might have life, and that more abundantly.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

**Ringling of the Steeple Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*This Easter day, welcome to the joy and hope of the Resurrection!*

*We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here."*

*Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit dwells.*

*Relax the body; quiet the mind. Be aware of being together in silence with others.*

*Feel the spirit of the community.*

**Introit** *New Day*

John David; arr. DS King

\* **Call to Worship** (Matthew 28:1-10)

#### THE BEGINNING OF THE EASTER STORY

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

**And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.**

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

**But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."**

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

**Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."**

\* **Hymn 119** *The Strife Is O'er*

VICTORY

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Hymnal p. 16 (Traditional)*

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### Prayer for Reconciliation

Jesus, in Easter you have brought us new life and new hope. We come to you in grateful prayer and joyful song, because Easter changes lives. We have been frightened people, but because you live, we have courage. We have been lonely people, but because you live, we can love ourselves, and others, in your name. We have been weak people, but because you live, together as your body we are strong to do God's work in the world. May we live our lives as you showed us how to live: forgiving, asking forgiveness, and above all trusting your promise of peace, abundant life, life everlasting. Christ is risen, praise the Lord! Alleluia!

### Sung Response

from Hymn 119

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff.

### \* EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer For Illumination

Hymn 322

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me...melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...*

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Sung Psalm: Psalm 34

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the staff. The lyrics 'Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.' are written below the staff. The word 'Refrain' is written above the staff.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

SERMON *O Taste and See!*

Rev. Mary B. Speers

\* HYMN (insert) *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

THE FEAST IS READY

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS including One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
Offertory Anthem

'Vivace' from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

'Halleluia' from *Messiah*

Georg Friedrich Handel

\*Doxology 592 and Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you who in the Resurrection have given us everything: help us, we beseech you, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto you; that with body, soul and spirit devoted to you, your children, and your world, we may truly live your abundant life, and in so living find our deepest joy, through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. AMEN.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

\* **HYMN 123**     *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*

EASTER HYMN

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

...and let the whole church say,  
**Alleluia! AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**     *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

### MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

\* *please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.***

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

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### NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:30    Worship Service with Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Childcare (ages 1 and 2)
  - 9:45    Church School (Preschool through Sixth Grade)
  - 11:00    Adult Education Class in Jr./Sr. High Room
  - 11:00    Last Confirmation Class in the ConCave
  - 11:00    SPC Choir in the Choir Loft
  - 5:30    Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting
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