

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us new life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you through Christ our living Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #118**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

If you would like to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, at the end of the service, please come forward into the choir loft during hymn #118.

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

****Hallelujah Chorus**

Handel, and brass arr. Swim

****POSTLUDE**

“The Day of Resurrection”

Smart

For those picking up their lily, you can walk down to the front of the sanctuary and a Deacon will hand you your flower.

PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden ~ ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted
Chancel Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Brass Quintet: Trumpet: Andy Mrozinsky and Ron Swim, Horn: Caroline D’Ambro, Trombone: Frank Cook, Tuba: Doug Parks.

Bell Choir: Kay Barnes, Becky Dougherty, Marie Madison, Betty Jo Mainwaring, Tami Mason, Rosemary Novario, Diane Nyffler, Cassandra Raybuck, Timi Saville, Joan Swim, Ron Swim, and Becky Tish.



Church Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:

- ~ Glorifying and worshiping God
- ~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
- ~ Loving and serving all people

Serving Christ Since 1869



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*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

EASTER

March 31, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service Theme:
“Christ Has Risen”**

White: Symbolizes the Purity of Christ

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE

“Air and Allegro”

Purcell

RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION (3 times)

Leader: Christ has Risen! **People: He has Risen indeed!**

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST *Gavin and Brant Braisted*

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN #113 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” (*Sung to Tune #123*)

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

ANTHEM

“Easter Triumph”

Frizzell

CALL to WORSHIP

Pete Kendrick

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

People: His steadfast love endures forever

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song

People: He has become our salvation

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

People: The Lord has done this, it is marvelous in his eyes

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame sin and death to make all things new in him. As we celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from the dead may we be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. We give you praise through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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****HYMN of PRAISE #122**

“Thine is the Glory”

(NOTE: The refrain is sung once, only at the end.)

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Psalmist promises, “Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered. I confess my transgressions to the Lord and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayers to you.”

****PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body (Time of Silent Personal Confession.) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING of the PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

****GLORIA PATRI #579**

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.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Pete Kendrick

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and draws us to Christ to acknowledge him as Lord. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pg. 568)

The Word of the Lord

Pete Kendrick

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Shepperd

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 (Pg. 860)

TIME for CHILDREN

Ashley Braisted

(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Christ Has Risen”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #108**

“Christ is Alive”

****CONFESSION of FAITH** Apostles’ Creed - Traditional Version

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 again 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.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE 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.

RESPONSE

“Amen”

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With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God. *Text Your Donation To: 844-913-2327*

OFFERTORY

“We Hasten With Eager Footsteps”

Bach

****DOXOLOGY #592**

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.