

Easter Sunrise Worship

Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00am



Gathering Music

Song ***Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Not Dead)*** NCC Worship
(Everyone sings the **bold** words; Tapestry sings the other words)

*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*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia
Where's thy victory O grave, Alleluia*

*He is not dead; He is alive
We Have this hope In Jesus Christ*

*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*

*He is not dead; He is alive
We Have this hope In Jesus Christ*

*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*

*He is not dead; He is alive
We Have this hope In Jesus Christ*

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: Christ Is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Death has given way to life!

All: For Christ has risen – has risen indeed!

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

Unison Prayer

You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. God, raise us, too. May fresh life burst among us like buds awakening to the spring. May shells of distrust and self-hatred which keep us bound in personal tombs be broken away so that new life can emerge. May new community spring up where fear has kept us from the stranger. Keep us patient in making peace and building justice. Teach us to trust the slow process from seed to stem, from stem to flower, from flower to fruit. Breathe on us with your Spirit. Fill us with the life of the risen Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Carla Egge

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Special Music *O Happy Day*

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

A Litany for Easter

Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Carla Egge

One: We ponder the One who came to us a little child, one of us, flesh and blood, to share in our humanity
All: God came to the world, that all might have life!
One: We remember the One who came to us as carpenter and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned.
All: God came to the world, that all might have life!
One: We recall the One who came to us as fisherman and pointed us to a harvest that was yet to come.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We honor the One who came to us as teacher and opened eyes to truths about the kingdom of God.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We praise the One who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We recognize the One who came to us as prophet, priest and king and yet humbled himself even to death on a cross.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We follow the One who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of God's love.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: We celebrate the One who triumphed over the grave and rose victorious, enabling us to rise above death and all the powers of death.

All: God came to the world, that all might have life!

One: Death has given way to life!

All: For Christ has risen – has risen indeed!

Meditation

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *Revival*

Third Day

Tapestry

Benediction

Postlude *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Not Dead)*

NCC Worship

Tapestry



You are invited for coffee, doughnuts, and fruit from 9-9:45am in Lakeview Social Hall. Please join us for traditional Easter worship in the Sanctuary at 10am in person or online. The service includes the Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, orchestra, and organ. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for children.