

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Go from here renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty, and present. Look for the blessings that await you this week. Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate. Tell the story of hope.

Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life. May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always. Amen.

Choral Response *Be Not Afraid* Taizé/Berthier

Postlude *Christ Is Alive* McDonald

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

A special thank you to our ushers!

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and Sanctuary Choir

Liturgist: Lloyd Griffith

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Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers, 2011, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

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Resurrection of the Lord

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Order of Worship

Prayer of Preparation

*Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.
You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell,
you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over
death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.*

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!* Willan

*Call to Worship

Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sin and death shall reign no more.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Let this place resound with joy.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 238 *Thine Is the Glory* Budry/Handel
Sung if worshiping outside, hummed if worshiping inside

Litany of Assurance Adapted from Acts 10:34-4
God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears
him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
**God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power; he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed, for God was with him.**
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the
people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

**He commanded us to preach to the people and testify that he
is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.**
The prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Summary of the Law

**“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest
and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39**

Children’s Message

Anthem *On Easter Morn* Scottish tune/Parker/Shaw

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9 and John 20:1-18
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith (11.2)
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and
calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned
for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the
depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the
world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his
sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us
from death to life eternal.**

Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Wesley/1740
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