

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31, 2024 **The Resurrection of Our Lord -- Easter Sunday** 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

Beethoven

INTROIT

This Joyful Eastertide!

Arr. V. Hoyle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 118:1-24

Leader: We give thanks to you, O LORD, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "Your steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

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

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Leader: We give thanks to you, O LORD, for you are good;

People: Your steadfast love endures forever!

*HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deliver us, O Lord. For, by Your power, Christ has been raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Resurrection Praise

arr. S. Pethel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Can We Trust the Man in White?”

Rev. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #119

The Strife is O'er
verses 1, 2, 3

VICTORY

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Our Great Savior

Funderburk

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
verses 1 and 3

HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

My Flesh in Hope Shall Rest

Arr. V. Hoyle

*POSTLUDE

Welcome Happy Morning

Sullivan

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.

Welcome and Thanks to

**Dr. Sila Darville, violin Dr. Luke Darville, cello
Qahtan Ahmed, viola José Lino, violin**