
APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

 Gathering 

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Béghin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the good news –
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the good news –
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the good news –
once we were no people; now we are God's people.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

All: Hallelujah!

– from *The Worship Sourcebook*

* HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 way 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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

As Easter people, all are invited to greet one another with the joyful proclamation of the day. Please turn to one another and share the Good News, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!"

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:1-4
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Ryo

Responding

* **HYMN 108** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* **Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

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.

Sending

* **HYMN 118** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation joins in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Accompanist is Gale Kramer.