

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**The Festival of the Resurrection**

April 9, 2023

10:00AM

WELCOME

Pastor Small

PRELUDE

When I awake, I am still with thee      David L. Almond (b. 1943)  
Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:  
the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.  
- *Psalms 139:18b, 12*

Barb Shaltis, Clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us  
gather in Spirit and in Truth to honor the Living God on this day of  
resurrection!

INTROIT WITH BELL CHOIR      Risen Today, Alleluia

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

Holy One, Creator of all that is, was, and will be, we praise you with heart  
and voice. You bring hope and life out of despair and death. You gather  
the brokenness of humanity, healing and making us whole. Be known  
among us now and always in the peace and power of the resurrection. We  
pray in the name and Spirit of the Risen Christ. Amen!

\*HYMN 188 (red)      Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

1. Joy dawned again on Easter Day, The sun shone out with fair array,  
When to their longing eyes restored, The Apostles saw their risen Lord.

2. O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do thou thyself our hearts possess  
That we may give thee all our days The willing tribute of our praise.

4. O Lord of all, with us abide In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield Thine own redeemed forever  
shield.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Psalm 118:14-24

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM      Morning Has Broken

ALL AGES TOGETHER

CHORAL ANTHEM WITH SACRED DANCE

And Can it Be?

Heather Hearne, dancer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude

\*Doxology

\*Dedication of offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Hymn

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

SERMON

Come and See; Go and Tell

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\*HYMN 182 (red)      Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply; Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. 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!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we raise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now. Alleluia!

Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia!

**\*COMMISSION**

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world,  
let us remember the three great loves to which our faith  
calls us:

**ALL: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all  
your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as  
yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that  
dwells therein.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**                    Hallelujah Chorus                    G. F. Handel  
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

*\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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