

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE "Grand Choeur Dialogue" (Gigout) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

INTROIT "Come Alive (Resurrection Power)" Joy Fellowship Band

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

We wonder with Mary and the other women — where is Jesus? We are told Jesus has conquered death and is no longer in a tomb.

We wonder — should we tell the news of a risen Christ? Yes! Joyfully share the good news! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302 (v1-4)

\*OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Meredith

Whether in a whisper, in a question, in a song, in a sigh, we will tell your story, for it is our story now. Christ is Risen! Amen!

ANTHEM "O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?" (Stainer) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Lattig

After the Children's Sermon, children may exit the sanctuary and go to Holland Hall for a fun, supervised craft time.

ANTHEM

"The Strife is O'er" (Higginson)

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Kathleen Meredith

#### Mark 16:1-8

16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!

Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

<sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and

they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

#### **Galatians 5:22-26**

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Commission" Joy Fellowship Band

SERMON Questions to God: "Why Be A Christian?" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

To receive Holy Communion:

please proceed up the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the chalice (intinction), and move to an outside aisle to return to your seat.

You are invited to kneel at the railing to pray if you wish.

OFFERTORY "The Day of Resurrection" (Pethel) Chancel Choir You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kathleen Meredith

Risen Lord, thank you for taking our fears and transforming them into wonder! Bless our gifts today to transform the world for your sake and in your name. Make us bold to declare that new life is available to all. Amen!

\*CLOSING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE "Toccata from Symphony No. 5" (Widor) Henry Repp

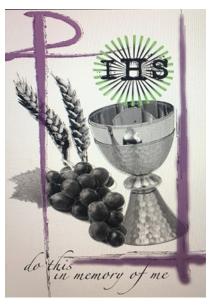






### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor Rev. Todd Lattig
Liturgist Kathleen Meredith
Organist/Music Director Henry Repp
Joy Fellowship Band Christie Spriggs, Debbie Seebeck, Jay Morrison
Greeter Evelyn Cornwell
Camera Operator Jen Phlegar
Soundboard Operator Jay Morrison



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

## Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

#### Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** 

