



Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

March 31, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

# Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

Christie Spriggs

GREETING

Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Meredith

This very day, God has acted.

**Today we will rejoice and be glad!**

We know the message that God sends to all people.

**God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life.**

The one who lived among us,

**Doing good and healing all,**

Was crucified, dead and buried.

**But God raised him on the third day.**

This very day, God has acted.

**Today, we will rejoice and be glad!**

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

\*OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Meredith

**God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"The Strife is O'er, The Battle Won"

Chancel Choir

Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute

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 time.

**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.

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

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sunday is Coming" Joy Fellowship Band

SERMON Beyond the Valley: "Have No Fear" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

OFFERTORY Christie Spriggs

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

**Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace you bring into the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Because He Lives" UMH 364

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs



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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor

Liturgist

Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship

Joy Fellowship Band    Christie Spriggs, Debbie Seebeck, Jay Morrison

Chancel Choir                    Shirley Spooner, Melinda McCoy-Miller,

Debbie Seebeck, Kathleen Meredith, Barbara Repp

Greeter

Evelyn Cornwell

Camera Operator

Jen Phlegar

Soundboard Operator

Jay Morrison