



Easter Sunday
March 31st, 2024

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Easter Fanfare and Chorale” by Thomas Chesterton

Introit *Congregation, be ready to echo the choir as we begin the celebration together!*

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Beloved Church, rejoice and be glad:

People: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Poem “PIETA” by Madeleine L’Engle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we have been given new life by the power of your Spirit to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet, we confess that we do not live as Easter people. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are disheartened by the empty spaces in our lives, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us, renew us, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation. In the power of Christ’s resurrection, we pray.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to emptiness and death.

People: We rejoice in the good news of the resurrection: in Jesus Christ we are made whole and given new life. Hallelujah! Amen.

*Musical Response #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!”

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Choir Anthem “Alleluia, Alleluia!”

by Georg Philipp Telemann
arr. by Patrick Liebergen

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Mark 16:1-8

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Big Empty”

*Hymn #245 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #238 “Thine Is the Glory”

*Benediction

Postlude “Toccata from Fifth Symphony” by Charles M Widor

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;
Calvary Singers; **Claire Ardoin**, flute;
Ruth M. Huff, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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