



HAPPY EASTER!

MARCH 27, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

CANDLELIGHTING

My Lord, what a Mornin'

Renee Reimer, solo

Emily, Kate, and Ella Wiebe

Jon Wiebe, cello

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Christian Buller and Ruth Harder

*HYMN #280

Christ the Lord is risen today

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25: 6-9

AFFIRMATION

L: Hurricanes and floods and environmental havoc;
drones and IEDs and handguns;
cancer and heart disease and bodies shutting down;
poverty and injustice and oppression.
The ways of death in this world are many.

**C: The words of death surround us.
The fear of death envelopes us.**

L: But we come now to hear a different Word,

C: a life-giving Word.

L: We are here on Isaiah's mountain

C: where tears are wiped away,

L: where a banquet table has been set,

C: where death has been swallowed up forever.

L: We do not fully understand it.

C: We may not fully believe it.

L: And yet here it is:

C: the power of Christ's life within us and among us.

All: So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!**

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is risen again

Rutter

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

SERMON

Resurrection lite or resurrection light?

ANTHEM

Holy God we praise thy name

arr. Ferguson

Congregation please join as directed:

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit three we name thee,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim thee,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the back of Wesley Room.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - i - a!

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OFFERING

Offertory: *Sonata*

Pezel

Christian Buller, horn; Mitch Kaufman, trombone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN STS #92

Sing with all the saints in glory



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

SENDING FORTH

L1: May hope in the Risen Christ sustain you.

L2: May faith in the Risen Christ strengthen you.

All: *May the joy of the Risen Christ radiant in our lives.*

L1: Go in the peace of new life.

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated until conclusion of postlude.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal

*Please stand as you are able.

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