



CONFLICT TRANSFORMED
EASTER

APRIL 20, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man
Kendric Beachey, timpani; Rosi Penner Kaufman, organ

Copland

INTROIT

Light of a Clear Blue Morning
Kate Duncan, soprano

Parton, arr. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kent Moore and Carmen Shelly, Worship Leaders

L1: Carrying Friday's stale grief, we come to see the tomb.

L2: We come to mourn on solid ground,
and instead find the earth shifting beneath our feet.

L1: We expect bloody grave clothes,
and instead see the gleaming white robe of the angel.

L2: The angel who says, "I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he is risen."

L1: And our hearts swell with fear and great joy as we run to share the news:

L2: Christ is risen!

L1: Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed!****

*HYMN #280

Christ the Lord is risen today

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kent Moore

PRAYER

L: We watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

C: We watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.

L: We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

C: We watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature and in the ever-living flame of our own souls.

L: If the grace of seeing were ours this day we would glimpse you in the world around.

*All: Grace us the grace of seeing this day. Grant us the grace of seeing.****

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine
Mitch Kaufman, trombone

Fauré

SERMON

A great dawning

HYMN SJ #115

Yonder come day

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

- Joys and Concerns
- Prayers of the People

This morning we will have a ritual whereby we affirm and release into God's care the prayers from our prayer bowl at the front of the Sanctuary. This will include singing HWB 614. These prayers, after watered, will become part of the Rainbow Garden, symbolizing the fruits and new life we hope spring from our praying.

- Offering

*HYMN #118

*Praise God from whom
Children in Kindergarten - 5th grade dismissed*

*SENDING FORTH

L: As Christ emerged from the tomb, may new life emerge in us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

C: **And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of new life, keep our hearts rejoicing and grace us peace this day and always.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Songs designated “SJ” are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

**The call to worship was written by Joanna Harader, pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS.

***From *Sing the Story Hymnal: A Worship Book—Supplement 2*.

Lectionary readings for April 27, 2014

Psalm 16
Acts 2:14a-22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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