

# EASTER

## APRIL 1, 2018



**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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*On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they (the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee) came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”* -Luke 24:1-5

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Morning Light*

Franklin

Mitch Kaufman, trombone; Carol Buller, organ

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

*Light of the Clear Blue Morning*

Renee Reimer, soloist

Karen, Lia and Thuy Uhlenhuth, candlelighters

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 118) Mike Peters, worship leader

One: Give thanks to the Lord for God’s faithful love lasts forever.

***All: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!***

One: The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard:

“The Lord’s strong hand is victorious!”

***All: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!***

One: We declare what the Lord has done.

***All: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!***

One: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone.

***All: Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!***

One: This is the day the Lord acted;

***All: We will rejoice and celebrate in it.***

\*HYMN #280

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today*

## **WE REMEMBER AND SHARE THE STORIES**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

THE UNDAUNTED DIVINE COMEDY\*\*

Lonnie Buerge, Kimberly Hunter, Andy Shelly, Carmen Shelly, readers  
Carol Buller, musical interpretation

\*Hymn #299

*New earth, heavens new*

## **WE JOIN IN BLESSING AND COVENANT**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Mia Roman, Madeline Bollinger, Kennedy Kaufman

PRAYER

O God, you brooded over the water at creation.  
Be present now at this baptism, a symbol of re-creation.  
You love all you have made and desire their salvation.  
By your Spirit you have drawn these people to Christ.  
In baptism seal your mercy's work in their lives.  
Let it lead them to the secret of the cross:  
to be crucified with Christ so Christ may rise to life in them.  
Bring them into the companionship of your church.  
Set them on the narrow way. Draw them deeper into your love.  
Give them the joy of their salvation,  
for the sake of your Son, our Savior AMEN.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give thanks that you have responded to the stirring of God's Spirit in your life.  
We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual community and  
in our service in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

*O Sacred River*  
Christian Buller, horn

Nelson

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

### 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 CONCERNS

#### PRAYING TOGETHER SS #100

*O blessed spring*

*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 front of the sanctuary.*

### OFFERING

#### WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114) at this time. WorshipArts is a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

*6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.*

#### \*HYMN SS #92

*Sing with all the saints in glory*

#### \*POSTLUDE

#### \*SENDING FORTH

*\*Please stand in body and/or in spirit.*

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

*Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.*

*As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.*

*\*\*From *Let all within us praise: dramatic resources for worship* by Patty Shelly.*

Anthem text by Susan Palo Cherwien:

O sacred River, from whose flow the stars, the seas, the cells were cast,  
Whose playful patterns brought to life the surging earth, the heavens vast:  
Murmur in us, that we know that you still within us flow.

O sacred Darkness, from whose night the seed may flow'r, the spirit, bloom,  
Whose warm embraces brought to pass creation's fruit, an empty tomb:  
To your shadow us invite that we may not shun the night.

O sacred Beauty, from whose Word the oceans blast, the tempests play,  
Whose holy palette brought to light the crimson dawn, translucent day:  
Wake in us the artist surd that we manifest your Word.

O sacred Banquet, from whose love the thirsty drink, the hungry fare,  
Whose invitation brought to feast the image lost, the heart's despair:  
To compassion may we move that all feast upon your love.

O sacred River within us flow.

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