

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake!

text by Lonnie Buerge

Congregation response when directed: **The Lord is risen indeed!**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Now Christ is Risen

Bach arr. Wagner

Laura Saylor, trumpet; Mitch Kaufman, trombone, Kendric Beachey, timpani

*HYMN VT 346

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Ruth Harder and special guest

HYMN VT 355

Thine is the Glory

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Shaky Ground

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. Burkhardt

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

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 359

Christ is Alive!

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Choral Call to Worship text: *Now Christ is Risen*, from Cantata No. 15 by J.S. Bach, arr. Douglas Wagner

Now Christ is risen from the dead; now banished is all sadness.
From stain of sin our souls He led through sorrow unto gladness.
By death His life has set us free, that in His love we'll ever be:
Therefore we come with gladness.

Anthem text: *Now the Green Blade Rises*, text by M.C. Crum, arr. Michael Burkhardt

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

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