



March 31, 2024 – Livestream
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. P. Moore

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of the Risen Christ.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Claim the victory of our Savior who conquered sin and death.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Celebrate the eternal love of the King of glory.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

***Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!***

***There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!***

***See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!***

***See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!***

CHILDRENS' ANTHEM

Up from the Grave He Arose

OPENING PRAYER

Glory to you, O God of love:

On this day you won victory over death

by raising Jesus from the grave

and making him the Lord of life.

Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive in Christ,

may proclaim your hope and praise your victory,

this day and forevermore. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

People: whose faithful love endures forever.

Leader: Let all Israel repeat:

People: "God's faithful love endures forever."

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song and has given me victory.

Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.

People: The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!**The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.**

Leader: The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

People: I will not die; instead, I will live**to tell what God has done.**

Leader: The Lord has held me accountable for my wrongs, but did not let me die.

People: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,**and I will go in and thank the Lord.**

Leader: These gates that lead to the presence of God,

and the holy ones enter there.

People: I thank you for answering my prayer and giving me victory!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

has now become the cornerstone.

People: This is God's doing,**and it is wonderful to see.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann Mackey

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 51-58

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

⁵⁵ 'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #307

Christ Is Risen

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2043

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EASTER OFFERING

Umoja Project

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Repeating Alleluia

C. Hampton

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they

went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Do You Say That I Am, Part 7: Jesus the Victor

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

***Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!***

***Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!***

***Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!***

***Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!***

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: We are sent forth to proclaim the victory of the Risen Christ. Hallelujah!

People: Amen.

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ has vanquished sin.

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: The love of God has conquered evil.

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: The fellowship of the Holy Spirit abides forever.

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Toccata
from *Symphony No. 5*

C.M. Widor

*The flowers on the altar are given with thanksgiving to God and
in loving memory of Frank Hirschman, April 9, 1936-March 21, 2009,
by Sue Hirschman, Ann Cottingham, Susan and Andy McBride,
John and Leigh Ann Hirschman and grandchildren.*

Get Involved in Our Upcoming Events:

April 2, LGBTQ+ Fellowship Gathering at The Garage Food Hall, 6:00pm

April 7, Special Friends Game Night, 4:00-6:00pm

Wednesdays, April 10 — May 1, 6:30pm

Tips for Church Leaders: A Study of New Testament Letters

April 14, Cookies and Canvas, 1:00pm

April 28, United Women in Faith Sunday Supper, noon

May 12, Children's Mothers' Day Musical:
Moonlight SUN-ata, 9:45am

May 19, Haydn's *Mass for St. John of God*, 11:00am

June 2, Church Picnic, noon

Support for Family Promise:

April - Delivering meals on Thursdays

May - Collecting houseware items

This week's worship leaders:

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