

WORSHIP KIT

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

PRELUDE: “Easter Voluntary” Andre Campra

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Let us come together in joy, for each Lord’s day is a celebration of Easter, a festival of hope, a day of victory, an expression of new life. We pray that during this time together, miracles will take place: That the discouraged will gain confidence, that the despairing will receive hope, and the disillusioned will regain faith. For Jesus lives and is present. May we welcome him into our hearts! Amen.

SOLO INTROIT: “Alleluia, Christ Is Risen From the Dead “

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: With the stone rolled away came emptiness

PEOPLE: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to greater truth of God’s love in spite of ourselves.

LEADER: With the stone rolled away came questions

PEOPLE: From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

LEADER: With the stone rolled away came light

PEOPLE: To illuminate the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

LEADER: With the stone rolled away comes a future

PEOPLE: With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Amen.

***EASTER HYMN OF CELEBRATION: “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” TWC 234**

CHIME CHOIR: “Up From The Grave He Arose” arr. Samuel Stokes

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in God's grace, let us now confess our sin.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, with the empty tomb and a risen Lord you have brought us good news and set before us the way of life. Yet we confess that we have failed to see the way. In stubborn pride we have spurned your mercy and your help. In selfishness we have turned away from those who need us. We have not lived with the faith and fearlessness of Easter people. Forgive our faithlessness, and grant that we may know new life and courage in the spirit of resurrection.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: With the stone rolled away came the freshness of God's forgiveness in Christ!

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God for mercy, a fresh start and new life through our risen Lord!**

LEADER: Christ is risen and we are forgiven!

PEOPLE: **Christ is risen, indeed! Let us move forward to live full and faithful lives!**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

TWC 805

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Corinthians 15:1-11

SOLO

"I've Just Seen Jesus"

Gaither and Daniels

Philip Aley, Vocalist

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"A Tomb is No Place for the Living"

Rev. Kellie

Weekley-Mills

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostle Creed**

Please see the laminated cards titled CREEDS located in the pew racks.

***HYMN "The Day Of Resurrection"**

TWC. 247

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

From the fullness of God we have all received grace upon grace. A child is born for us; a Savior, given to us. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY SOLO "The Old Rugged Cross"

.George Bernard

Vocalist: Tammy Tomascin

***DOXOLOGY**

TWC 809

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from death, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you and witness to Christ. Use us, and these our gifts, to your glory. Amen.

***HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven" TWC 254**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

TWC 840

***POSTLUDE: "Ode To Joy."**

L.V. Beethoven

***Please stand if you are able**