

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
The stone has been rolled away,
Death has been defeated, and new life has begun.
We come with hearts lifted in praise,
For Christ has conquered sin and death.
Come, let us worship the living Christ!
Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs. 3, 4

UMH 302

*Opening Prayer

Loving God of light, we hid in the darkness and You brought the light of Salvation to our eyes and our spirits. We praise You for the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We have received the greatest good news of healing, hope, and restoration. Praise be to You, eternal God, for this gift of love. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said...

ALL: Let the children come!

Reading of Scripture Colossians 3:1-4 MSG; Matthew 28:1-10 MSG

*Response

The word of God for ALL of us, God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Responding to God's Action"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

*Responsive Review of Our Journey

Christ is risen!

We walked the valleys and saw the people crying in need. Jesus reached out to them. He did not criticize or diminish their needs. He touched their lives and they were never the same. The love that flowed through him to them was God's healing love.

Christ is risen!

We sat at table in the Upper Room as Jesus told of his death and we wanted to discount his words. How could he die? We did not want to believe it. It was easier to proclaim with bravado our faith than to listen to his words.

Christ is risen!

We waited in the Garden of Sorrows while he prayed and watched in horror as he was betrayed with a kiss. We followed at a distance and denied, with Peter, ever knowing who he was. We were in the crowd that clamored for Barabbas' release and turned our backs as Pilate washed his hands of the crime.

Christ is risen!

We followed him to the hill and cringed as they nailed him to the Cross. We heard his words of forgiveness and love from the cross and felt the ground tremble as the sky darkened and he gave up his life, into his father's hands.

Christ is risen!

We ran from the empty tomb today, with the incredible news that He is Risen! He was not captured by death, but is risen from the dead, just as he said he would be. We come with the joy in our hearts to this day. As the flowers in our worship area burst with color, so we burst with the absolute joyous news that we are Easter People! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

*Response Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" vs. 1

UMH 304

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Giving Action

*Doxology "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" vs. 3

UMH 304

**Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.**

*Blessing Prayer

Gracious God, on this Easter morning, we come to You with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving. We bring these gifts as a sign of Your gratitude and faith. Use them to share Your love, to bring hope to the hurting and proclaim the good news of resurrection to ALL people. Bless not only these offerings but also our lives, that we may live in the light of the risen Christ, sharing His love and grace with everyone we meet. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome to this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Reconciling Action

*Celebration Song "Halle, Halle, Halleluja!" 3x

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The Great Thanksgiving

(sung to the tune of "This Is the Day" UMH 657)

Shared Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Forth

We have been to the table of hope and love.

We have been fed and filled with the promise that there is hope.

We have remembered the love of Jesus - a love that went to the cross and rose again.

Send us into the world, to carry that hope and love in all we do.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***Final Blessing**

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

***Closing Hymn** "Christ Is Alive" vs. 1, 5

UMH 318

***Postlude** "He Lives"

from UMH 310

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Lectionary readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 "God fulfills the promise to David"; Psalm 16 "Fullness of joy"; 1 Peter 1:3-9 "New birth to a living hope"; Colossians 3:1-4 "Raised with Christ"; John 20:1-18 "Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ"; Matthew 28:1-10 "Proclaim the resurrection"



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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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"love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously"