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Sunday, April 1, 10:00am
Theme: Easter Sunday

† Indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE: Kari Orosz – “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” &
“*Mozart’s Alleluia*” – arr. by Marilyn Ham

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

GREETING ONE ANOTHER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A wicker prayer basket will be sent around. If you have a prayer request, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place it in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.

†INTROIT: Dance with the Spirit (Dance & Sing)

MV#156

CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE

Candle Lighter: *Betty Ann Murray*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**Responsive**)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God is alive,

new birth is given.

Hope is alive,

a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive,
redemption is here.
Love is alive,
death cannot harm us.
We are alive,
new life within us.
The church is alive,
God's Spirit is within us.
Let us celebrate the God of the resurrection!
(Celebrate God's Presence, 8F003)

OPENING PRAYER: *(Unison)*

God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. With the dawn has come a new creation. Let our celebration today empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release your power; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen. (VU#174)

†HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

VU#155

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

Reader: Rachel Murray

One: This is the witness of The Church.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir – “This Is the Time to Sing”*
– by McDonald

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children and Youth are invited to join their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary.)

THE MESSAGE

†HYMN: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

VU#179

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Access to Safe Water*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Dennis Watson: "The Holy City"; music by Stephen Adams, with lyrics by Frederic Weatherly*

†OFFERTORY: *Grateful (Chorus Only)*

MV#182

†OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

For the gift of life, the gift of crosses left empty and tombs broken open, we give you thanks. In the abundance of life we offer gifts of our own. Receive what we are able to offer that through these things we might breathe new life into places and people, your world over. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

†CALL TO PRAYER: *Now the Green Blade Rises (vv.1&4)*

VU#186

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS (Unison)

COMMUNION

†HYMN: *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

VU#166

COMMISSIONING: **(Responsive)**

From this Easter festival, we go forth to live resurrection:

**In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Amen and Hallelujah.

(Celebrate God's Presence, 8W001)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's
worship service a reality.

EASTER COMMUNION LITURGY:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, we give you thanks for the new life of Jesus Christ,
risen to life, eternal as your love.

With the women at the tomb, we raise the joys of gladness.

Knowing that life is stronger than death and love is greater than
hate.

The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and despair.
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with all of the saints that have gone before us we proclaim the
wonder of your name:

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together
as a community of once broken but hope-filled believers: loving
what he loved, living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful
servants, in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he
paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died, he took the bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and said:

“Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying:

“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

This morning we do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying,
and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith.

Let us pray:

Holy Mystery, God of your people, we call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Come, for as one people we are invited to take part in the love of God.

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**In this feast of life,
we are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.**

**In this feast of life,
we are commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Help us to do all of these things in the name of the one who joins with us in all our journeys, we pray. Amen.**