



Morning Worship

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Preparation for Worship

Invitation to Worship

He Is Risen!

Matthew 28

Garth Kemp, reader

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven join to 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!

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!

Words of Celebration

Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor

Friends, the tomb is empty!
The stone has been rolled away!
Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.
But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Morning Prayer

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

Words of Welcome

Choral Worship

He Is Risen!

Text by Susan Bentall Boersma; music by Craig Courtney

Hymns of Praise

Low in the Grave He Lay

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose;
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

Because He Lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Message in Song

I've Just Seen Jesus

*words & music by Bill & Gloria Gaither
with Danny Daniels*

Gabrielle Reed & Allen Stowe, duet

Sermon

Dr. Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor

Don't Stop Believin'

Matthew 28

Hymn of Celebration

To the Lamb on the Throne

*based on the hymn **Ye Servants of God** by Charles Wesley
choral setting by Dan Forrest*

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Christ is risen!
He is risen!
Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

Postlude

Guest Musicians & Organ

This is the Three-Fold Trust

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen
Christ will come again!***

Musicians:

Dr. Sarah Spencer, Pianist

Kathleen Wilkins, Organist

Brian Saltikov & Doug Surber, Trumpet

Carl Muller & David Womack, Trombone