

Easter
Service for the Lord's Day
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Sumner
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Gathering

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WORDS TO PREPARE FOR THE DAY

The stone was rolled over the entrance to the tomb of Jesus three days ago, and his body was wrapped in a linen shroud.

PRELUDE "My Song is Love Unknown" Eggert

THE EMPTY TOMB ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING MUSIC "This Joyful Eastertide" Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: The Lord is Risen!

ALL: **He is risen indeed!**

INTROIT "Christ the Lord is Risen! Wesley/Harlan

Christ the Lord is risen today! Sons of men and angels say;
raise your voices and triumphs high, sing we heavens and earth reply. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen;
raise your voices and triumphs high; sing ye heavens, and earth reply; sing alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death is now thy sting? Dying once he all doth save; where
thy victory, O grave? Sing alleluia, Christ is risen, raise your voices and triumphs high; sing ye
heavens and earth reply, sing alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia, alleluia. Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia. Death in
vain forbids him rise, alleluia; Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head. Made like him, like him we rise. Ours
the cross, the grave, the skies, sing alleluia! Christ is risen, raise your voices and triumphs high; sing,
ye heavens and earth reply. Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (Unison)

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still we go astray. At times we do not listen to your Word. We remain uninterested when you call us to dance, and speechless when we are invited to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts and strengthen our weak hands and knees. In the name of the risen Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Return to the Lord with joy and gladness!

ALL: WE CAN EMBRACE THIS TIME OF REDEMPTION!

One: Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

ALL: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN!

*RESPONSE from hymn 263 (All sing)

Coronation

“All hail the power of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
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The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON – 1 Peter 3:18-20; 4:6

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ANTHEM

“Now Glad of Heart”

Kayron Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be everyone! The fight is fought, the day is won. The Christ is set upon his throne, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who on the rood (crucifix) was crucified, who rose again as at this tide. In glory to his Father’s side, alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

Who baffled death and harrowed (plowed under) hell and led the souls that loved him well all in the light of lights to dwell.

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

To him we lift our heart and voice, and in his paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise! Sing alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

Alleluia!Alleluia! Alleluia!Alleluia !

Then rise all Christian folk with me and carol forth, the One in Three that was and is and is to be, alleluia! Alleluia!

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SECOND LESSON – Luke 24: 1-12

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LEADER This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Rejoice in God’s Mercy”

Dr. Sumner

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SOLO “The Holy City”

Adams
Norton Christeson, Soloist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P. 35 Hymnal

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS
INCLUDING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERTORY “Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing”

Manz

*DOXOLOGY 606 (Sing as directed)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

*HYMN 232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Easter Hymn

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hail Thee, Festival Day”

Hobby

*All who are able may stand

Announcements

WELCOME to our worship service. After signing the attendance pad, please pass it down the pew for others to sign. We appreciate knowing about newcomers; if you are visiting, please fill in your name, address, and any other information, which will be helpful to us in ministering to your needs.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available from the head usher for those needing hearing assistance. The sound does not come on until the ministers activate them as they enter the sanctuary.

LITURGIST: Mary Ann Sumner

HEAD USHERS 8:45 Mark Bartell,

11:00 Doug Coleman

USHERS 8:45 Carla Moorhouse

11:00 Chip Kent; Leanne Coleman
Deanna Minaberry

PARKING ASSISTANT: Charlie Argenbright

FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN GIVEN:

By Chip Kent, in celebration of his 32nd anniversary with his wife Ginny. “I love you more each day.”

By Sue Infantino, in loving memory of Russell and Arlene Hottenstein.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING supports Presbyterian missionaries and Disaster Assistance. Use the envelope in the bulletin if you wish to give to that cause. Pew envelope gifts support all the ministries of this congregation.

JESUS DVDs have been provided by a church member. They are on the back table for anyone who would like to have one to view and share.

VBS is back! We will be having Vacation Bible School this summer, June 6-10 and the theme is Food Trucks! Registration is open for kids K-5. The registration link can be found on our website or call the church office at 386-767-8342.