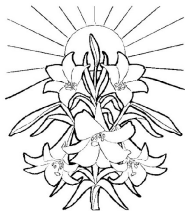


EASTER SUNDAY **The Resurrection of Our Lord**
Theme: The Day Everything Changed

April 20, 2025



GATHERING

Prelude: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
Words by Charles Wesley Music Adapted from Lyra Davidica

Welcome and Easter Greeting

L: The Lord is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship from Psalm 118:23-29

L: This is God’s work.

P: We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

L: This is the very day God acted—

P: Let’s celebrate and be festive!

L: Salvation now, God! Bring salvation now!

P: Yes, God—the free and full life we long for, our world is desperate to receive.

**L: Blessed are we who honor God’s name, our voices and spirits joining together
from our respective homes.**

P: For God is God, seeking only to bathe the world with goodness and light.

L: We proclaim, You are our God and we thank you for power of risen life.

**P: Thank you God—Your power to bring life to dead bones is beyond reason,
unimaginable, truly miraculous.**

L: Your gracious love recklessly seeks a world You will not abandon.

P: Thank you God, You are so good, Your love never quits!

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn: #233 “The Day of Resurrection”

*Prayer of the Day (*including Ecumenical Lord’s Prayer*)

**O God, You bring the dawn of each new day. We praise You for sending
Christ and for the promise he brings of new life. You scatter the clouds of
darkness and open tomb’s door. Freed to live, we no longer are captive to the**

**ways of death. We want so much to live, and yet, we cling to the finalities and
limits we know. Replace our fears with the affirmation of life without end.
Cleanse us of our wrongdoing and sin that we may be whole once again. Touch
us with healing, that our shortsightedness may yield to the perfect vision of all
you have in store.**

**In Christ, with Christ, through Christ, who teaches us always when we
pray to say:
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever.” AMEN.**

*Assurance of Pardon:

Risen Christ, may the mystery and glory of this Day-of-All- Days shatter us into
praise. Vibrate within us the angelic chorus of angels singing “Glory Hallelujah,
Glory to the Lamb!” We seek your forgiveness in all things and the new life it bring.
May the music that rings from the heavens rain down upon us refreshing our souls.
May these loveliest of sounds bring joy all our days, and afterward, everlasting joy,
and life without end. Be with us always, now, and to the end of time. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Thine is the Glory” (*Judas Maccabeus*)
Words by Edmond Louis Budry Music by George Frideric Handel

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 24:1-12

*Hymn: “Low In the Grave He Lay” (“Christ Arose”) (Please see Insert)

Sermon: “Seized With Amazement”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Shalom, God of Life, we bring our gifts as a sign of our pledge to
live in new ways that we might wholly live in You. On this Easter Day and the**

season to come, we entrust to You our hearts, our energies, and our lives.

AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Peace of Christ and Easter Affirmation

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Christ is risen!!

P: He is risen indeed!!

(Wave and greet your near neighbor with God's peace)

*Hymn: #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Charge and Benediction- Psalm 118

L: The LORD is our strength and shield; the LORD has become our salvation.

P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD has triumphed."

P: We shall not die! but we shall live! and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Ode to Joy" ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")
Beethoven arr. B. C. Dockery

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Lea Lichty Armstrong

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