



Mentor United Methodist Church

April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

The liturgical color is white, signifying the purity, holiness and virtue of Christ, as well as respect and reverence.

GATHERING

Centurion Announcement

Adapted from "An Easter from a Roman's Perspective" by Sean Gladding

Prelude

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arr. Robert Hobby
Ben McMurtrie, Jennifer Leyrer, trumpet
Wendy Rhoads, french horn; Patricia Humphrey, trombone
Brad Leyrer, tuba; Amy Bender, organ

Choral Introit

"Easter Call to Worship" Ralph L. Grosvenor

* **Call to Worship** Zechariah 9:9-11 Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair, and a broken world comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

People: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn 302 (vs. 1-4)** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

* **The Ancient Easter Greeting**

Pastor: Friends, the Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

*** Prayer** (Responsive)

Leader: Rejoice! The stone is rolled away, grave clothes neatly folded, no more the smell of death, behold the empty tomb!

People: He is risen!

Leader: Rejoice! Scripture has been fulfilled, the sting of death is gone, the victory has been won, behold the risen Christ!

People: He is risen!

Leader: Rejoice! The pain of separation is broken, Jesus invites us home, We are called to declare to all the world, that Jesus is alive!

People: He is risen! Jesus is alive!

Anthem "This is the Time to Sing" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 769 John 20:19-23

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn 322** "Up From the Grave he Arose" CHRIST AROSE

Sermon "From Fear, To Being a Force, To Finality"
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

*** Hymn 308** "Thine Be the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Day of Resurrection" Arnold Sherman
Canticle Bells

*** Doxology**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 310** "He Lives" ACKLEY

*** Dismissal With Blessing**

Pastor: We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty and Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn, the curse broken, and your name glorified now and for eternity. Friends, the Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit make the Easter reality last, and last, and last!

Unison: Alleluia! So be it!

"Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah G. F. Handel
Chancel Choir

*** Postlude** "Lift High the Cross - Finale" Janet Linker

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

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