

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Christ lag in Todesbanden* BWV 625 Johann Sebastian Bach
 Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah George Frideric Handel
 Brass Quintet

WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* **UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER SUNDAY** (Hymn 485, v. 1)
*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold.
And our despair he turns to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

* **OPENING RESPONSES** The Rev. Dr. Cinda Gorman
We meet in the glorious name of the Triune God. May grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.
Blessed is the Lord our God, whose mercy has given us new birth and a living hope.
All of this through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ the Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen.

* **HYMN 232** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.129)

ANTHEM *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. Benjamin Harlan
 Chancel and Handbell Choir & Brass Quintet
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought the people forth into joy from sadness. Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection, welcome in unwearied strains, Jesus' resurrection! 'Tis the spring of souls today. Christ hath burst from prison. From

the frost and gloom of death, light and life have risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark is flying. From God's light, to whom we give, thanks and praise undying. Alleluia! To our King immortal, who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal. Alleluia, with the Son, God, the Maker praising. Alleluia! Yet again, to the Spirit raising. Amen.

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-8 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.176)

-The Children's message will resume next Sunday-

* **HYMN 242** "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" IN DIR IST FREUDE

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 16:1-8 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.54)

SERMON "Monday's Galilee" Dr. Butler
"Go tell his disciples that Peter is going ahead of you back to Galilee; there you will see him."

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

* **HYMN 249** "Because You Live, O Christ" VRUECHTEN

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. He proclaimed the reign of God, preaching good news to the poor and release to captives. He taught in word and deed, blessing the children, healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the good news. He was unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition and was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and gave his life for the sins of the world. But God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. Because he lives, we too, shall live. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY *In der ist freudenreich* BWV 605 J.S.Bach

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 238** "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Finale from Symphony No. 1* Louis Vierne

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

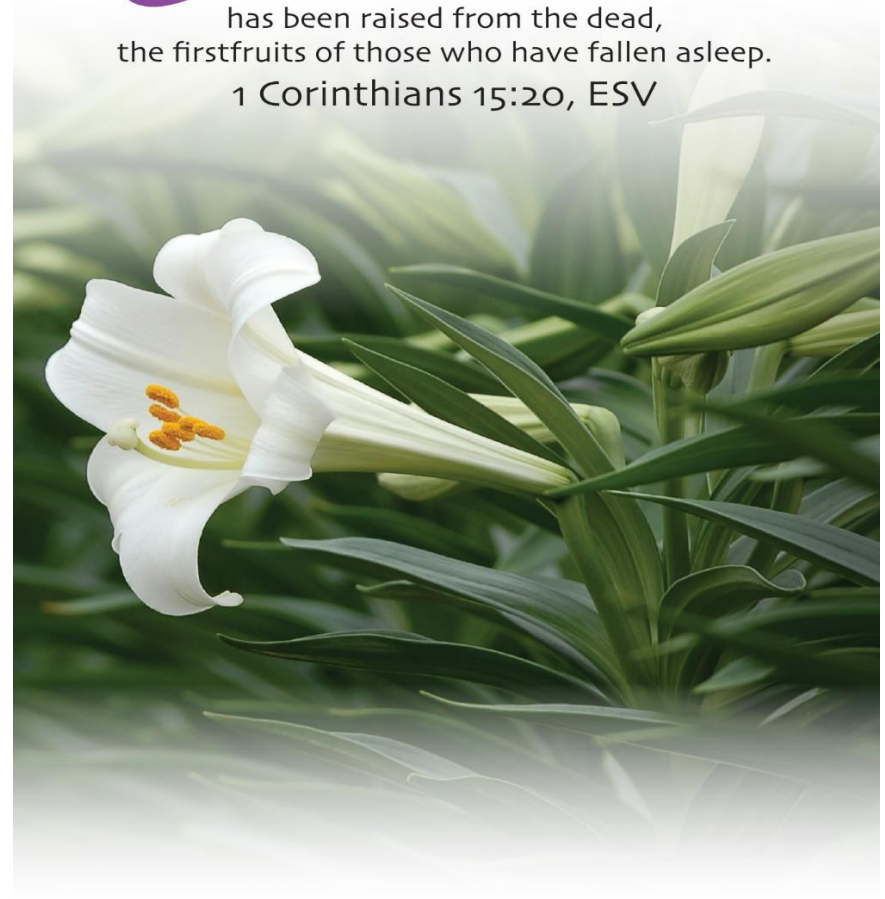
To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

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Christ

has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV



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