

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Fanfare for St. Edmundsbury* Benjamin Britten
Oberlin Trumpet Trio
Jamie Hammarlund, Soren Edman, Alexander Acimovic
Christ lag in Todesbanden BWV 625 Johann Sebastian Bach
(Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

CHORAL INTROIT *Christ Rose! Hallelujah!* Lloyd Pfautsch
Chancel Choir and Oberlin Trumpet Trio
Christ came, Christ lived, Christ died. Christ rose! Hallelujah!

* **OPENING RESPONSES FOR EASTER SUNDAY** The Rev. Dr. Cinda Gorman
May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Blessed are we who have not seen but have come to believe. Christ the Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

* **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!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Eternal God, sometimes we fall captive to doubt, anxiety and fear. We overlook the poor and powerless and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are silent when we should speak. For the harm we have caused and the harm we failed to prevent, we ask your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. God's name be praised. Forever, always!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON I Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-58 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.177)

ANTHEM *Christ Is Risen, Risen Indeed* Robert Wetzler
Chancel Choir and Oberlin Trumpet Trio

O come, receive from God your peace. The peace of God who made us. The wonderous knowledge of release from sin by the death of Jesus. Rebellion raged among all those whom God in love created. The sin which was too much for all by Christ to death is fated. Christ is risen, risen indeed! God accomplished this great feat, and victory is now complete. Death is dead, we live indeed! Alleluia! What terrible and murderous hate we unleashed while feigning love! The Savior shows the great strength and might of God's true love! By Christ our sin is blotted out, the strength of pride is broken. We know the joy of those called out. The Word for life is spoken. Now give yourself to this great Lord. For Christ died that we might live. Christ's body broken, blood outpoured, for our new life, God's life did give. When Christ was dead, God made all new, and from the grave God raised him. The Lord does live, the news is true! Our hearts are tuned to praise God! Christ is risen, risen indeed! God accomplished this great feat, and victory is now complete. Death is dead, we live indeed! Alleluia!

* **GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-7, 19-29 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.114)

SERMON "How Jesus Shows Up in the World" Dr. Butler
"Then Jesus showed them his hands and his side..."

* **HYMN 236** "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, blessing the children, healing the sick, binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the good news. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffered 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.

WE PRAY AND OFFER GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERTORY

Suite for Three Trumpets, mvt. 1 Intrada
The King's Pipes
Oberlin Trumpet Trio

Bryan Kelly
Donald E. Matthews

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

* HYMN 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

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

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
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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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