

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Lied

Robert J. Powell

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 245, v.1)

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia. All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia. Sing, O heaven, and earth reply: Alleluia.

* OPENING SENTENCES (from I Peter 1:3)

Subhana Graf

May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

By God's great mercy we are born anew into a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* HYMN 239

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

GELOBT SEI GOTT

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

We have sinned, God of grace, with thoughts, words, and deeds, in what we have done and left undone. For our failure to love you above all else, forgive us. For our failure to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, forgive us. For the forgiveness we refuse to grant and the resentments we choose to keep alive, forgive us and set us free to follow your way, living in joy, peace, and freedom; through Jesus Christ who makes all things new. 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 15:12-19

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.176)

SOLO

Because He Lives

Lucie Freeman, mezzo-soprano

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.115)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

SERMON

"The Risen Lord's Prescription for New Life"

Dr. Butler

"If you retain the sins of others, they are retained..."

* HYMN 444

"Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive"

DETROIT

WE PRAY AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

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.

OFFERTORY

Plein Jeu

Jean Adam Guilain

* **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 DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 249**

“Because You Live, O Christ”

VRUECHTEN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC**

Psalm 19, The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

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

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10 a.m.
