

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Christ Lay in Death's Bonds*  
Dr. Kaori Hongo, organ  
*Per Sonar A. 4, La Serafina*  
The Oberlin Brass Quartet

Johann Sebastian Bach

Pietro Lappi

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

### \* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER (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 turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

### \* GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Bette Case

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

**And also with you.**

If we have been united with Christ in a death like his,

**We will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

Blessed are we who have not seen but have come to believe. Christ is risen!

**The Lord 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!**

### CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

#### UNISON CONFESSION

Gracious God of new beginnings: when we fall captive to doubt and fear, help us to recognize your presence and become open to your saving help. When we fail to love you above all else, forgive us and set us free to serve you and to love our neighbors. When we are overwhelmed by evil, fill us with resurrection power so that we remain determined to love kindness, work for justice, and walk humbly before you. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 341, v. 1)

***O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace.  
And cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.  
So that your way most holy on earth may soon be known.  
And unto every people your saving grace be shown.  
Let all the people praise you, let all the nations sing.  
In every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.***

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.129)

### ANTHEM

*Jubilate Deo*

Natalie Sleeth

The Oberlin Brass Quartet

Jubilate Deo! O sing to the Lord a joyful song and praise God's name alway. O sing to the Lord a joyful song for Christ is risen today. Jubilate! They crucified him on a tree. (Alleluia!) He humbly bowed his head. He suffered there for you and me. (Alleluia!). All thought him dead. This Godchild of the virgin's womb henceforth triumphantly. (Alleluia!) Arose from out his earthly tomb to bring us victory. Jubilate Deo! O sing to the Lord a joyful song and praise God's name alway. O sing to the Lord a joyful song for Christ is risen today. Jubilate!

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.90)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 547, v.1)

***Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.***

### SERMON

"On the Road Again?"

Dr. Butler

"They told them what happened on the road and that he was made known to them..."

## WE AFFIRM CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

\* HYMN 248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed by 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 *Per Sonar A. 4, La Alle* P. Lappi  
The Oberlin Brass Quartet

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

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

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

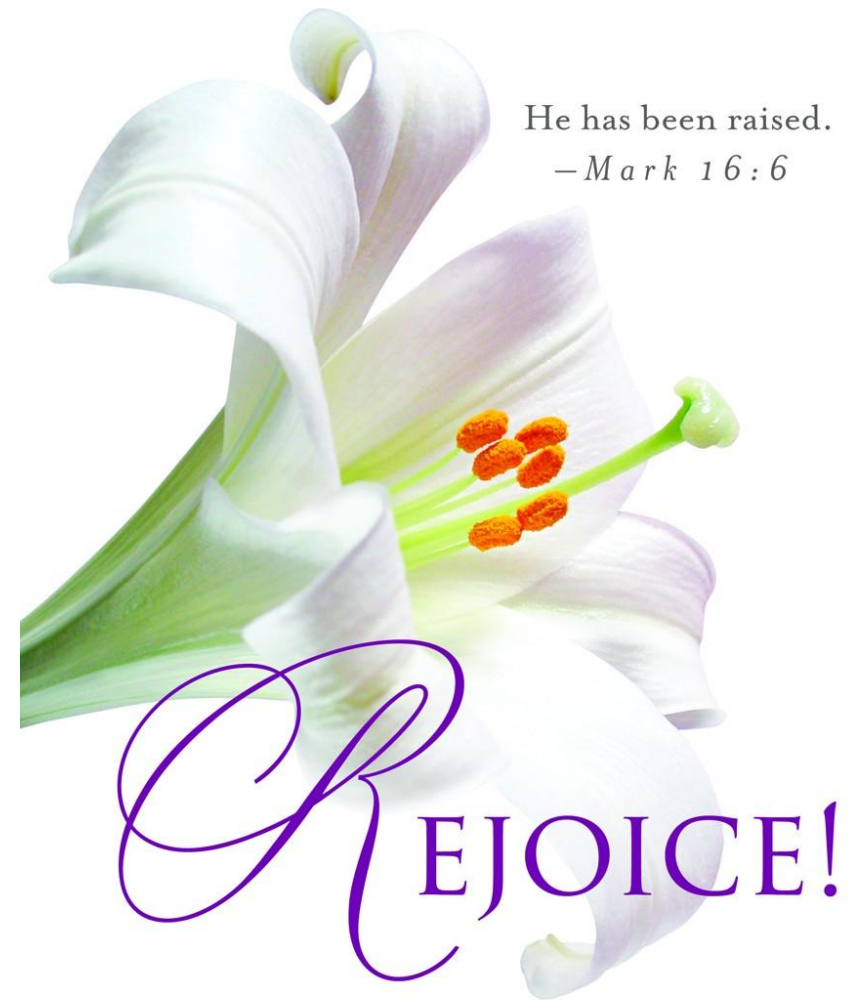
\* DEPARTING MUSIC *Symphony V, Toccata* Charles-Marie Widor  
*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.*

#### 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  
Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music  
Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



He has been raised.  
— Mark 16:6

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