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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 1, 2018

Sunday of the Resurrection/Easter Day

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Tune: Easter Hymn
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir musical arrangement by Douglas E. Wagner

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

Easter Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

Almighty God, who raised Christ Jesus from the grave, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ that we may grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain St. Kevin

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1a,2, 14-15,17,22-24

Unison

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

Let Israel say, God's love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my song; God is my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has done mighty things.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and proclaim the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

that the King of glory may come in.

Anthem Sing We Alleluia Jay Althouse, 1994

Sing we alleluia. Sing with one joyful voice. Sing we alleluia. Let all nations rejoice. Sing with Firm conviction. Sing it to the sky. Sing with exultation on high. Sing with jubilant praises, So that all may hear. Sing with gladsome voices, strong and clear. Alleluia.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn Welcome, Happy Morning Fortunatus

“Welcome, happy morning,” age to age shall say.

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore.

Him their true creator all his works adore.

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

**Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
Hours and passing moments praise Thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee.
Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.**

**Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come, then True and Faithful, now fulfill Thy Word;
'Tis Thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord!
Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.**

**Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: day returns with Thee!
Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.**

(--Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 600; tune – Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1872)

The congregation sits.

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Oh, Was There a Problem? Mike Krech
“When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.”
Mark 16:4

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 119 The Strife Is O'er Victory

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Heidelberg Catechism, 1562

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Unison: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,
not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head.
Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122 Judas Maccabeus
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional
Offertory Sentence

Offertory Sanctus Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 122 Thine Is the Glory Judas Maccabeus

Postlude Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne (1870-1937)