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Worships God at 11:00 a.m. April 21, 2019

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

Opening Sentences

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.**) Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: You have shared our frailty in human flesh. Let us share your risen life, that the grave may not terrify us, nor fear of darkness turn our hearts from you, our living Savior, Christ, the Lord. **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

Old Testament Isaiah 65:17-25

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

Unison

Give thanks to the Lord, for he 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.

Anthem

Sing We Alleluia

Jay Althouse, 1994

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

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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)

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 24:1-11

Sermon Nonetheless Mike Krech

"But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them." Luke 24:11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 119 The Strife Is O'er

Victory

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

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 Hymn to the Risen Lord Michael E. Parks, 1989

Worthy are You to be praised and adored, precious redeemer, our Savior and Lord, worthy of worship and thanks that we bring, worthy of love and the song that we sing.

You who were slain for our sin to atone, now have returned to your heavenly throne. Glorious Savior, now reigning above, what could we offer as thanks for your love?

Honor and glory and blessing and power be to the One whom we worship this hour.

We will adore you as long as we live, and to your service our lives we will give. Amen.

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

Note: the refrain is sung only after the final stanza

Postlude Thine Is the Glory (Judas Maccabeus) arr. Mark Hayes