

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC "Rondo Passacaglia" Handbell Choir

CHORAL INTROIT "Introit for Easter" (Raney) Traditional Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

People: The one you are looking for is alive

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Unison: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 184

*UNISON INVOCATION

On this Easter morn we welcome You, Jesus, into our lives. We welcome Your resurrection for it is life-changing, life-giving, and life-sustaining. We welcome the hope it brings to our world. We welcome the joy it brings to our darkness. Most wonderful God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead but the living. We thank You for the glorious love that is now immortally among us! To You be all thanksgiving, praise and glory, on earth and in highest heaven! Amen.

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 614

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" (Albrecht & Althouse) Traditional Choir

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Bill

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with you also.

One: Let us pray...

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Pastor Mary

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY **Let trumpets sound and voices sing!**

Let all on earth their praises bring!

For Christ has conquered sin and death

And given life eternal breath. Amen.

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank You, for giving us hope! May these gifts and offerings be both a testimony of Your Love and be used to help people find hope in You as we have. We are full of gratitude. He is risen! Amen.

ANTHEM "Rejoice, This Easter Day" (Bankson) Traditional Choir

Brass: Rusty Yeager & Daryl Helfert, Trumpet;

Kristie Kirsch, French Horn; Rick Hobbs, Trombone

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 (NKJV)

SERMON **LIFE BEFORE DEATH** (verse 6) Pastor Bill

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Thine Be the Glory" # 188

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Easter Affirmation (in unison, on the screen)

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

