

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC "Glorious Things" (arr. McKechnie) Handbell Choir  
Rick Hobbs, organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: At the break of dawn, a bird sings.

**People: The long night of darkness is over.**

Leader: The stone is rolled away.

**People: The tomb is empty.**

Leader: The sun begins to shine.

**People: The Son has risen!**

Leader: It's a morning of glory,

**People: Of love overcoming death,**

Leader: Of women spreading Good News,

**People: Of men turning from despair.**

**Unison It's a morning of joy, for Easter has come again.**

**Love is stronger than death!**

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

\*UNISON INVOCATION

**God of the morning light, God of Easter miracles, open our hearts to hear once again the story of love overcoming death, of joy drowning out sorrow, of hope emerging from despair. Bring Easter to this moment. Touch us. Fill us. Use us. You have made us free to give You praise and thanksgiving. You have our undying devotion for the grace we receive. All our lives long we shall call Your name blessed and give You the glory for this gift of new life. Amen**

\*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 614

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS

The Raber Family

(\* All who are able should please stand when noted.

ANTHEM "O Risen Lord" (Scott) 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 "Rondo-Passacaglia" (arr. Dobcinski) Handbell Choir

\*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

**Bless these offerings, O God, which we return to You, that in our seeking and our serving, our ministry might enlighten the paths and uplift the heads of those who seek You. Guide us in Your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest Your Living Presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16: 1-8 (NLT)

SERMON **RISUS PASCHALIS** Pastor Bill

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*Litany on the screen*)

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

\*CLOSING HYMN "Christ Arose!" # 182

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Bill

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\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.**

**He arose!  
He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

\*RINGING THE BELLS

\*CLOSING MUSIC



Following worship . . .

Pre-K thru 5th graders are invited to the Parish Hall  
for our **JESUS IS ALIVE! Party**  
with crafts, storytelling, snacks, games & prizes!

Everyone else is invited to join us for breakfast  
in the Dining Room (on the lower level).

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Mary Hurley, *Associate Pastor*  
Katie Maurer, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Kasey Gathercole, *Co-Director of Discovery Music*  
Rick Hobbs, *organist* † Katie Maurer, *pianist*

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## Easter Sunday

Traditional Worship  
April 1, 2018  
9:00 AM

Christ  
is  
Risen!

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