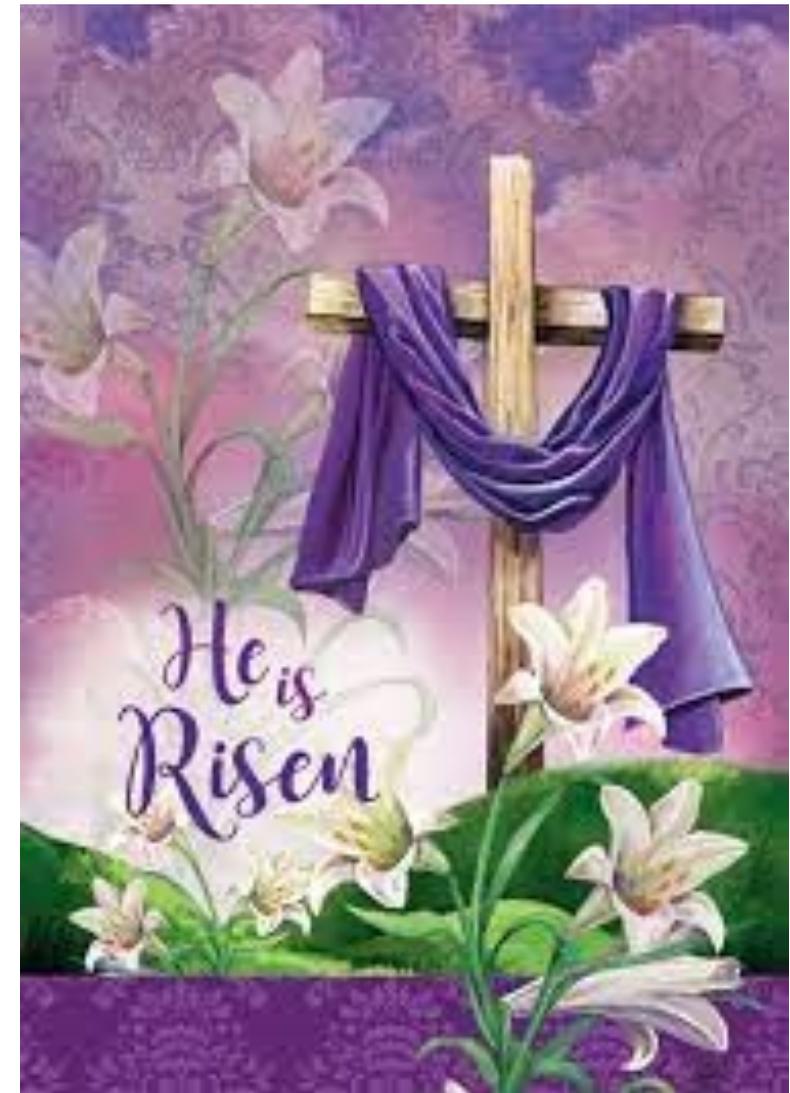




(**) All who are able should please stand when noted.*



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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021
10:00 a.m.

EASTER SERVICE OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

PRELUDE Rick Hobbs

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Chris is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*UNISON INVOCATION

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"* (vs 1,3,4)

TIME OF PRAYER (Prayer of Confession)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns as Mother of us all, now and forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Forever"* Katie Maurer
(Johnson, Jobe, Johnson, Wilson, Taylor, & Gifford)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10: 34-43
Mark 16: 1-8 NRSV

SERMON *"Ahead in Galilee"* Pastor Mary

COMMUNION HYMN *"Survey the Presence"* Katie Maurer

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING of the ELEMENTS

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*CLOSING SONG *"Jesus Messiah"*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Rick Hobbs