

The Worship of God
April 1, 2018 · 10:45 am
Easter Sunday

As we gather for worship, everyone is encouraged to sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew. If you are the last to sign, please date and tear out the sheet and place it in the offering plate.

Welcome, Guests! Thank you for worshiping with us on Easter Sunday! We hope you will complete the welcome card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

GATHERING as God's Children

Introit arr. Welchel

Welcome from the Baptistry Jennifer Rygg
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Baptism of Laina Calhoun

Call to Worship **All Hail the Power** arr. Alice Jordan
The candles symbolize the light of Christ.
Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

On Ash Wednesday, we placed purple slips of paper with the word "Alleluia" in a box. The box was placed under the altar table, where it has remained throughout the season of Lent. This act of "burying the Alleluia" symbolizes the practice of avoiding the use of the word "Alleluia" during Lent, saving this special, celebratory word for Easter Sunday. Today, we open the box and let out the "Alleluias"!

Responsive Call to Worship Chris Cottingham
This is the good news—
the grave is empty; Christ is risen.
Alleluia!
This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.
Alleluia!
This is the good news—
once we were no people; now we are God's people.
Alleluia!
Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.
Alleluia!

++ Praise Medley **No. 194**

Low in the Grave He Lay
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CHRIST AROSE
EASTER HYMN

RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service

Gospel Reading **Luke 24:1-12** Cara Morgan
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

++ Offertory Medley **What a Beautiful Name** Fielding & Ligertwood
No. 208 **He Is Lord** HE IS LORD

++ Offertory Prayer Cara Morgan

Offertory **Adagio from "Enigma Variations"** Edward Elgar

++ Offertory Response **Doxology** OLD 100th

HALLELUJAH!
What a Savior!
The Crucified and Risen Christ

The third and concluding part of the Easter Cantata
Presented by the Sanctuary Choir
Chris Cottingham · Director
Andy Welchel · Accompanist

Cantata part III **Hallelujah! What a Savior!** Ijames
Worthy Is the Lamb Choplin
Sanctuary Choir

After the anthems, children ages 4 through 3rd grade may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

Sermon **"Looking for the Living Among the Dead"** Jennifer Rygg

++ Hymn of Response **No.223** **Crown Him with Many Crowns** DIADEMATA
During the hymn of response, our minister is available for those who desire to follow Christ as Savior, to renew their relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer.

GOING Into the World

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction

Jennifer Rygg

Meditation

As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives that goes with us as we go into the world.

++ Benediction Hymn **No. 620 (verse 1)**

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

++ Flowering of the Cross

Our service will conclude on the front lawn with the flowering of the cross.

Fresh cut flowers are available on the front porch of the church.

++ Congregation is invited to stand.

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Photo Opportunity: We will be taking photos in front of the flowered cross after the service. Be sure to leave us your name and contact information so we can send you your photo. Look for the volunteers with a camera and a clipboard!

Next Sunday, we will continue the story of the resurrected Christ with **Luke 24:13-27.**

Worship Notes

Children and Worship: Children are welcome to join us for worship.

Nursery care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.

Children's Bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances.

Children's Chapel is provided for children ages 4 through 3rd grade during the sermon.

Worship Bags are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary. Children are encouraged to take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end.

every member a minister

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