



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

GREETING

PRELUDE

Resurrection in Bloom

“Hymn to Joy” Arr. Albert Travis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The light that the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. The Christ candle shines anew, proclaiming the transforming power of God. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness and despair has been vanquished, and death is destroyed!

People: The brilliant Light of Hope is with us!

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

PRAYER of CONFESSION and ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: We thank You, loving God, that we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of the Messiah.

People: We thank You for saving us from our sinful nature – from our careless words, judgmental thoughts, and hurtful actions.

Leader: Call us again from the way of death to fullness of life in Christ.

People: We confess that we are critical, materialistic, selfish, and wasteful. We confess that our fears keep us from sharing Your love with others. We confess that we have hurt our world, each other, ourselves, and You.

Leader: For the sake of the Lamb, forgive us.

People: Come into our lives today, so that we may learn to live as disciples of Jesus, sharing Your love with all people, at all times and in all places.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God has shined His light upon us! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Hear and believe the good news of the resurrection:

People: In the powerful name of the risen Christ, our sins are forgiven. Glory be to God! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:34-43

HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Christ Is Risen”

MORNING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. **AMEN**

ANTHEM

“Christ Is Risen”

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:1-7

SERMON

“SUNDAY: “The Empty Tomb”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“This Is Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION