**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Easter Sunday Late Service April 17, 2022

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

“Easter Bells Fanfare” by Our Saviour’s Handbell Choir Projected

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**  
L: Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears.  
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**L: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.  
**P: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

\*HYMN: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” R130/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: O, Redeeming God, like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb, we, too, have witness the wonders of your work with our own teary eyes. In this hour, O God, elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that other may be awakened through our preaching and proclaiming the good news: news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people. Amen.***

\*Response & Invitation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

AN EASTER PLAY WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from the richness of who you have called us to be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ALL: We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you, we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of Jesus, our Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of God is set free in you to open new possibilities for you to live a life of love for others in service as you are loved and served by God.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Alleluia! The Strife is O’er” by Our Saviour’s Handbell Choir Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “A New Creed” Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

**I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

**I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Bunny Song” by Jim Wideman

Scott Street Puppet Ministry

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

MEDITATION: “He is not here, but has Risen!” Rev. Kevin Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice. Let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and do our part to liberate all who are experiencing oppression, we dedicate these gifts.

***All: Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world. Amen.***

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2 Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

\*EASTER BENEDICTION

L: As we go forth, may you be reminded of the creative renewing energy of God. May you be witnesses of the wonders of God’s work in the world through Christ. May you be reminded of the possibilities of victory and glory amidst death and despair. And may God be gracious to you and give you peace.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Special Music: “Halleluiah” By G.F. Handel Senior Choir Members

(It is customary to stand during Handel’s Halleluiah Chorus)

\*Postlude