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

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

Prelude Accompanist: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing a new song!
**P: A springtime shout-out to life!**

L: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God
**P: Whose power brings new life out of death!**

L: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth
**P: Find refreshment and strength for a future of hope!**

L: For God has taken ordinary things
**P: And made them extraordinary:**

**All: Sing a New Song!**

HYMN: “Alleluia, hearts to heaven” Red Hymnal #134

INVOCATION

**ALL: Holy God, nothing is beyond your power to transform! In a gray dawn, you coax songs of Alleluia! From the tombs of despair, we take refuge in you call us to wake up and work. We praise you for this amazing day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide morning. Amen.**

RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God.**

**When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God.**

**When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God.**

**God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Take heart: God’s Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death

to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another

and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.
**P: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Passing of the Peace (blessing one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

A TIME OF LEARNING WITH CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ Red Hymnal pg. 15

\*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**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “Love Made Flesh” with Brene Brown

 From: The Work of the People

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, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “The day of resurrection” Red Hymnal #136

MEDITATION: “Through Believing” Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “Thine is the glory” Red Hymnal #139

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[We have activated giving buttons on our website and Facebook page. The office is open Monday thru Friday 10am till Noon; Postal service is available.]

L: Easter teaches us that generous love is at the heart of God’s work. Joyfully we are able to give knowing that our gifts will help others to see the blessed miracle of God’s creative joy.

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

**ALL: Loving God, can a generous prayer be lifted up to you this Eastertide? Can these gifts, given with love, be further transformed like echoes of grace, delighting all who receive their blessings? May it be so, through the surprising power of your Holy Spirit, and may our lives speak of a loving God, full of Easter surprises. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

L: Follow God’s lead into new life! Recognize Jesus in unexpected places.
Easter! Christ is Risen! May you dance an alleluia dance and sing a resurrection song. Laugh with God and let joy reside in your hearts always.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*Postlude