

April 4, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Easter Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Easter Carillon
Brass quartet and Organ

Robert J. Powell

*Call to Worship

Glenn Williams, Sunday School Superintendent

Leader: Sing the glad songs of victory; God is creating a day of newness and joy.

People: God is our strength and our song; this is the day of our salvation.

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: The one who was rejected assures us: we are accepted and beloved by God.

Leader: We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news. We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

People: God reigns; let all nations and peoples rejoice. In Christ, all shall be made alive.

*Hymn No. 302

Christ, The Lord Is Risen Today
(verses 1 – 4)

Easter Hymn

Invocation

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

This is the Day
Angel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Easter Proclamation
Chancel Choir and Brass

John Ferguson

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Festive Peal on Hymn to Joy
Chancel Bells

Michael Ryan

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Jim Dennis

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

Hymn No. 318

Christ Is Alive

Truro

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*†Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Earth, Earth, Awake
Chancel Choir and Brass

Bob Moore

Sermon

"Easter Surprise!"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hallelujah

Handel

(The congregation is invited to sing along using the inserts provided in the pew racks.)

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided