

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 16, 2017

Easter

- Prelude** *Easter Anthem* W. Billings
Chamber Singers
- Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. K. McChesney
Imogene Williams Handbell Choir
- The Strife Is O'er* arr. D. N. Johnson
Brass Ensemble, Organ and Timpani
- Christ Is Arisen, Let Us Sing* V. Leisring
Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
- Welcome and Parish Concerns**
- * **Easter Greeting**
MINISTER: CHRIST IS RISEN!
PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
MINISTER: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN
PEOPLE: HE IS RISEN INDEED!
- * **Hymn in Procession, No. 302** *Easter Hymn*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Handbells, Organ and Timpani
- * **Collect for the Day** (pray in unison)
Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- The First Lesson** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 NT Page 176
Minister: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
- Call to Prayer**
Minister: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Minister: Let us pray
- Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**
- Offertory** *Hallelujah from the Mount of Olives* arr. M. L. Thompson
Imogene Williams Handbell Ensemble and Piano
- * **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**
- * **Doxology No. 94** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
- Hymn of Assurance No. 261** (congregation remain seated) *Lord of the Dance*
Congregation and Bethany Liturgical Dancers
- (At the conclusion of this hymn, Children's Church will be dismissed - children K5 – 2nd grade ~ please meet the volunteer at the lectern side doors. Children's Church will meet in room 214 of the Youth Wing. Please remember to attach a J.A.M. sticker to your child.)
- * **The Gospel Lesson** John 20:1-18 NT Page 114
Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.
- Anthem** *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* C. Courtney
Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Timpani and Organ
- Sermon** "Because He Lives" Rev. Houston
- * **Hymn of Dedication No. 312** *Llanfair*
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Organ and Timpani
- During the singing of this hymn, worshipers who would like to join with the choir in singing the Benediction Response of *Hallelujah*, are invited to come to the choir loft ~ music will be provided.
- * **Blessing of the People**
- * **Benediction Response** *Hallelujah* (from *Messiah*) .F. Handel
Chancel Choir, Trumpets, Organ, Timpani and Congregation
- * **Postlude** *Toccata: Allegro* C. Widor
(from *Symphony #5, Op.42*)
- The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our children, Tom Ivey and Carol Ivey Deininger and in honor of Judy Eisele and Richard Ivey by Ruth Ann and Lloyd Ivey.*

* Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME GUESTS

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christian people. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this day with us and welcome you in the name of the risen Christ.

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Brass Ensemble

Frank Arnold – Trumpet I

Brandi Norris – French Horn

Giff Waltz – Trombone II

Michael Haldeman - Percussion

Tom Davol – Trumpet II

Charlie Wylie – Trombone I

Dalton Carriker – Tuba

Alleluia!

HE IS ALIVE!