

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 1, 2018
The Celebration of the Resurrection

Prelude Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Parish Concerns

* **Easter Greeting**

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed!

Minister: Christ The Lord is Risen!

People: His is Risen indeed!

* **Hymn of Praise, No. 302 (vss. 1-4)** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Invitation of Communion

Prayer of Confession (pray in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Offertory

* **Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings**

* **Doxology** UM Hymnal Page 95

The Gospel Lesson

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

John 20:1-18

Sermon *An Unnatural Truth*

Rev. Jo Locklair

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Congregation, please follow along in your hymnal on page 13)

Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

The Giving

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the table as the organ plays softly.)

Prayer after Receiving

* **Hymn of Dedication, No. 322** *Up from the Grave He Arose*

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

* If able, please stand.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

WELCOME

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

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Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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